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Proposed EPIRB Eu Recall Plan

With the Commission's approval it is Standard Communications Pty Ltd intention to issue a VOLUNTARY GLOBAL RECALL on July 14th 2014.

Background

The recall involves all GME MT400/401/403 EPIRBs within the serial number range 50101000 - 80250722.

This covers the time frame January 1 2005 through February 28 2008. Our records indicate a total of 32,962 EPIRBs were produced in this period.

Based on the age, warranty/battery expiry dates, exchanges and beacons already replaced, we believe the number of EPIRBs remaining in service to be 7581, with approximately 25% being within the European Union.

Action Plan

Attachment 1 is our Australian Product Safety Recall notice. This document will be adapted to suit the individual jurisdictions, professionally translated into, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Greek, Norwegian, Portuguese and Chinese then placed on the GME website as well as our international distributor sites.

Targeted advertising through marine industry e-news websites, social media and printed journals will also be commissioned.

GME will be directly contacting Maritime Safety Agencies around the world to advise them of this recall and seek their assistance in making contact with owners whose EPIRBs may be impacted by this action.

It is our intention to ship replacement MT403 EPIRBs to strategically central distribution points within Europe to ensure the minimum of inconvenience and downtime for end users.

Any MT400 or MT401 beacons that remain in service after a battery replacement will be exchanged for the latest model MT403 EPIRB.

We recognise that this action will necessitate a rapid increase in EPIRB production; GME has already instigated the purchase of additional raw materials, and adjusted the manufacturing schedule to meet this demand. None the less, we will ensure that replacement/exchange EPIRB requirements will receive priority over new sales.

As a further precaution, a change will be made to our Battery Replacement Program, we will no longer offer service kits for EPIRBs with serial numbers below 80250723, customers with older beacons will be offered an exchange EPIRB at a comparative price.

GME will continue to keep the Commission updated on the situation.