# LEGAL NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF MERCEDES-BENZ BLUETEC CLASS ACTION

## The Nature of the Lawsuit

On April 5, 2016, Koskie Minsky LLP and Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP commenced an action on behalf of the Representative Plaintiff, Yogesh Kalra, in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc., Daimler AG, Mercedes-Benz USA LLC and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Canada Corporation (collectively, the "**Defendants**")

The lawsuit alleges Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC diesel vehicles contain a defect or a 'defeat device' that turns off the emission control system. The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants misrepresented the nature of the Vehicles to purchasers. The Defendants intend to defend against them.

The action was brought on behalf of a class consisting of all persons in Canada who own, owned, lease or leased a Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC vehicle.

By order of the Honourable Justice Belobaba dated June 29, 2017, the action was certified as a class proceeding and Yogesh Kalra appointed as representative plaintiff for the class.

The Court has not taken a position as to the likelihood of recovery for the representative plaintiff or the Class, or with respect to the merits of the claims or defences asserted by either side.

## Participation in the Class Action

If you own, owned, lease or leased a Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC vehicle in Canada, you are automatically included as a member of the class unless you opt out. All members of the class will be bound by the judgment of the Court, or any settlement reached by the parties and approved by the Court.

#### Fees and Disbursements

You do not need to pay any legal fees out of your own pocket. Koskie Minsky and Lenczner Slaght have been retained on a contingency fee basis, whereby they will only be paid legal fees in the event of a successful result in the litigation or a Court approved settlement. The fees payable to the lawyers for the class will be paid out of any judgment or settlement and will not be paid directly by class members. Any fee paid to lawyers for the class is subject to the Court's approval.

You will not be responsible for the Defendants' legal costs if the class action is unsuccessful.

## Opt Out

If you wish to exclude yourself from this class proceeding you must complete and return the Opt Out Form by no later than **July 20, 2018**. The Opt Out form may be downloaded at www.MercedesBluetecClassAction.ca

If you choose to opt out within the above-noted deadline, you will not take part in any settlement or award by the Court. If you do not choose to opt out by the prescribed deadline you will be bound by any judgment ultimately obtained in these proceedings, whether favourable or not, or by any settlement if approved by the court. You may wish to obtain independent legal advice with respect to this matter.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit website of the Administrator, Crawford Class Action Services at <u>www.MercedesBluetecClassAction.ca</u>, or call their toll-free hotline (pre-recorded message with the option to leave a voicemail message) at 1-877-739-8933

You may contact the Administrator a number of different ways:

By email at: MercedesBluetecClassAction@crawco.ca

By mail at the following address:

Crawford Class Action Services 3-305, 133 Weber St. North Waterloo, ON N2J 3G9

By fax at: 1-888-842-1332