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Dear Mr. Ganster:

This letter is in response to your request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

Name of system: Delta Bloc DB 80 F-Shape 12 ft 6 in long units  
Type of system: Portable concrete barrier  
Test Level: MASH Test Level 3  
Testing conducted by: Midwest Roadside Safety Facility  
Task Force 13 Designator: SWC18  
Date of initial request: October 5, 2011  
Date initially acknowledged: December 20, 2011  
Date of completed package: December 19, 2012  

Decision:  
The following device is eligible, with details provided in the enclosed form which is considered an integral part of this letter:

- Delta Bloc DB 80 F-Shape portable concrete barrier 12 ft 6 in long units

Based on a review of crash test results submitted by the manufacturer certifying the device described herein meets the crashworthiness criteria of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials’ Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH), the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval or endorsement by the FHWA for any particular purpose or use.

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**Requirements**
Roadside safety devices should meet the guidelines contained in the MASH.

**Description and Crash Tests**
The enclosed copy of your form, as well as the letter from Thomas Wolfe sent on October 5, 2011, details the construction of the barrier as well as tests 3-10 and 3-11, both of which were conducted in compliance with the MASH and resulted in successful performance. Vehicle trajectory, barrier structural adequacy, and occupant risk factors conformed to the evaluation criteria contained in the MASH.

**Findings**
Therefore, the system described and detailed in the attached letter, drawings, and test data summary is eligible for reimbursement and may be installed under the range of conditions tested.

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- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder. The finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness characteristics of the candidate system, and the FHWA is neither prepared nor required to become involved in issues concerning patent law. Patent issues, if any, are to be resolved by the applicant.
The Delta Bloc Barriers are patented products and considered proprietary. If proprietary systems are specified by a highway agency for use on Federal-aid projects: (a) they must be supplied through competitive bidding with equally suitable unpatented items; (b) the highway agency must certify that they are essential for synchronization with the existing highway facilities or that no equally suitable alternative exists; or (c) they must be used for research or for a distinctive type of construction on relatively short sections of road for experimental purposes. Our regulations concerning proprietary products are contained in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 635.411.

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By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

Identification of the individual or organization responsible for the product:

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The DELTABLOC DB 80 F-Shape 12 ft 6 in barrier system is comprised of 12-ft 6-in. (3,810-mm) long by 2-ft 8-in. (813-mm) tall, F-shape temporary concrete barrier segments. The barrier segments have to be fabricated using a concrete material with a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 5,000 psi (34.47 MPa). The steel reinforcement consists of ASTM A615 Grade 60 rebar and ASTM A185 Grade 60 welded wire reinforcement. A ¼-in. (10-mm) diameter rebar is installed along the bottom of the barriers on both the traffic and back sides to reinforce the toes of the barriers. A U-shaped ½-in. (13-mm) diameter rebar is installed along the bottom of the barriers on both ends. The welded wire reinforcement is installed inside the faces of the upper half of the barriers.

The barriers are connected together with a tension link that consisted of two Y-profile hooks and the connecting K150 coupling. The K150 coupling and the Y-profile hooks are approximately 5½ in. (149 mm) tall. The Y-profile hooks are connected together through each barrier by two ¾-in. (19-mm) diameter deformed steel reinforcing bars, which are welded to the top and bottom surfaces of the Y-profile hook. The K150 couplings and the Y-profile hooks are constructed from ASTM A570 Grade 36 steel, and the tension bars are constructed from ASTM A615 Grade 60 steel. The Y-profile hooks and tension bars are cast into the concrete barrier. After the concrete barriers are placed in position, the K150 coupling is dropped into the gap between the two hooks, securing the barrier ends together. A rubber pad, constructed from EPDM 80 ShA rubber, is inserted and connected in the gap between the toes of adjacent barrier segments. The rubber inserts are approximately 5½ in. (140 mm) tall by 5½ in. (130 mm) wide. The inserts are tapered from thicknesses of 1½ in. (41 mm) to 7/16 in. (11 mm), respectively, for the edge located on the outside face of the barrier as well as the edge located toward the inside of the barrier.

CRASH TESTING

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

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Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory’s accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports):

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attach to this form:

1) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.

2) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are key to understanding the performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

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Application for FHWA Acceptance

Dear Mr. Artimovich!

Herewith we apply for a FHWA acceptance for our precast concrete safety barrier system DB 80 F-Shape 12'6" for test level TL3.

DELTA BLOC International is one of the leading provider of vehicle restraint systems made of precast concrete and has more than 33 licence partners in more than 30 countries in and out of Europe. DELTA BLOC International also has subsidiary companies in Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, France and South Africa which are acting directly on their markets. These unique constellation of partnerships and establishments allows DELTA BLOC International to fulfil highest requirements and to support all its partners with up-to-date technologies for production and installation for a long-term. With the experience of more than 15 years in the area of development of vehicle restraint systems and the know-how of more than 80 years in regard of prefabricated concrete elements at the main production facility in Austria, DELTA BLOC International grew to an independent expert on the field of road safety and to an international contact person for authorities and planers in and out of Europe. Since a couple of years DELTA BLOC International also assists direct or indirect in major projects in Europe.

The DELTA BLOC product range includes application for temporary and permanent use. DELTA BOC differs the line of products: temporary systems, permanent systems, bridge systems and noise barrier systems. On the field of noise barrier systems DELTA BLOC International is the unique provider of combined tested systems. All system types of the DELTA BLOC product range are tested according the European regulation EN1317 and are or will be approved in the respective countries.

For detailed information about the products and activities of DELTA BLOC International please visit also DELTA BLOC's homepage www.deltabloc.com <http://www.deltabloc.com/>
DELTA BLOC® - This name and the precast concrete safety barrier system it stands for, is in many European countries already a well known and familiar term amongst traffic experts, road authorities and civil engineering companies. This system is already represented by successful license partners in many European countries: Germany, Denmark, Norway, Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Spain, Greece, United Kingdom, Ireland, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary...

Application
We apply for a FHWA acceptance for our DB 80 F-Shape precast concrete safety barrier system with the length of 12'6".

DB 80 F-Shape 12'6"

Description of the product
The DB 80 F-Shape is a temporary, longitudinal safety barrier made of precast concrete. The safety barriers consist of a tension bar, reinforcement and concrete. The single units are connected with a special coupling (drawing DELTA BLOC (1100C)-V3 sheets 6, 7).

One unit is 12'-6" (3810 mm) long and is designed in the "F-Shape" profile. The dimensions of the F-Shape profile are base width 1'-10 3/4" (0,58 m) and height 2'-8" (0,81 m). The weight of the single unit is 5026 lb (2280 kg).

The safety barrier is made of concrete, reinforcement bars, welded wire reinforcement, a special tension bar and butt-joint-inserts:

- concrete (compressive strength min. 5000 psi (34.47 MPa))
- steel reinforcement (ASTM A615 Grade 60 rebar)
- K150 coupling and Y-profile (ASTM A570 Grade 36 steel)
- welded wire reinforcement (ASTM A185 grade 60)
- special tension bar (ASTM A615 Grade 60 steel)
- butt-joint-inserts made of EPDM 80 ShA rubber

Description of the crash tests
The safety barrier was tested for the test level TL 3 (tests 1100C and 2270P). The tests have been performed by the Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF), Nebraska Transportation Center and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and are fully described in the MwSRF Research Report No. TRP-03-245-10 dated December 8, 2010.

During the 1100C test there was only a minimal damage of the barrier. The damage of the vehicle was moderate and none of the MASH established deformation limits were violated. The test showed that the DB 80 F-Shape temporary concrete barrier system adequately contained and redirected the 1100C small car passenger vehicle with controlled lateral displacements of the barrier.

Test results 1100C test:

- Working width 56.8" (1,443 mm)
- Impact severity 60,58 kip-ft > 51 kip-ft (82,14 kJ > 69,7 kJ)
- OIV Longitudinal -17,90 ft/s (-5,45 m/s)
- OIV Lateral 22,60 ft/s (6,89 m/s)
- ORA Longitudinal -4,61 m/s²
- ORA Lateral 7,20 m/s²
- THIV 7,57 km/h
PHD 7,71 m/s²

ASI value 1,59

During the 2270P test there was only a minimal damage of the barrier. The damage of the vehicle was moderate and none of the MASH established deformation limits were violated. The test showed that the DB 80 F-Shape temporary concrete barrier system adequately contained and redirected the 2270P vehicle with controlled lateral displacements of the barrier.

Test results 2270P test:

- Working width 76.2" (1,935 mm)
- Impact severity 125,4 kip-ft > 106 kip-ft (170 kJ > 144 kJ)
- OIV Longitudinal -15,27 ft/s (-4,65 m/s)
- OIV Lateral 19,67 ft/s (6,00 m/s)
- ORA Longitudinal -5,38 m/s²
- ORA Lateral 12,44 m/s²
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- PHD 13,16 m/s²
- ASI value 1,19

As a result of both tests the DB 80 F-Shape features the following performance:

- TL 3
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Accreditation of test laboratory
The test laboratory is accredited according American Association for Laboratory Accreditation with the certificate number 2937.01 (certificate see annex).

Owner's certification that the product(s) meet(s) the appropriate evaluation criteria in MASH

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(See page i in the test report stated by MIDWEST ROADSIDE SAFETY FACILITY, Nebraska Transportation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.)

Best regards,

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Enclosure:
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Not applicable

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