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Dear Mr. Pesaran:

As Chairman of the SAE Bendix Award Board, I am very pleased to announce that you are being honored as a co-author of the winning paper for the 2002 Vincent Bendix Automotive Electronics Engineering Award for your outstanding technical paper entitled, "A Modular Battery Management System for HEVs" (SAE Paper Number 2002-01-1918). You are being honored along with author Thomas Stuart and co-authors Xiapeng Wang, Fang Fang and Cyrus Ashtiani.

This Award annually recognizes the author and co-authors of the best paper presented at an SAE meeting in the calendar year on the subject of automotive electronics engineering. The Award Board, after reviewing all SAE technical papers that qualified for this Award, identified your paper as one of the most outstanding contributions in 2002.

The formal recognition of your Award will occur at the SAE 2004 World Congress during the Honors Convocation & Luncheon which will take place on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. at Cobo Center, Detroit, Michigan. A formal invitation to this event will be sent to you prior to the event. *(For more information on the SAE World Congress, refer to the SAE web site at www.sae.org and click on the SAE 2004 world globe on the left side of the home page screen.)*

Please accept my personal congratulations on your significant achievement.

Sincerely,



Dr. Mohsin M. Jamali
Chairman, SAE Bendix Award Board
and
Professor, The University of Toledo

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