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Edison GmbH would like to express sincere condolences to Kristina, Peter and Mitja for the loss of their beloved mother, Severina Koračin, which passed away on Tuesday.

As you may know, an incident in Slovenia occurred a few months ago, wherein an Edison vehicle was involved. From what our engineering department has gathered, a vehicle set to autopilot had not been updated to the most current MapSat software which resulted in a fatal crash for Mrs. Koračin. Edison GmbH went ahead with its own inquiry into the incident and we have already addressed the problem in our most recent updates. Updates of the navigational system are now a mandatory feature and regarded as critical, notwithstanding MapSat requirements.

Edison GmbH can not be held accountable for the incident. The fact of the matter is, that the incident occurred due to utter and gross negligence from the driver, who allowed his underage child to drive the car on autopilot mode. Edison GmbH has already stated on several occasions in the German media that its autopilot should not be exercised free of the driver's control, even though the system is advertised as in principle capable of fully automatized driving. Moreover, whether or not the autopilot function can be used, depends on the jurisdiction at stake. It is for the drivers to observe local law and Edison cannot prevent vehicles from being driven in different jurisdictions i.e. across borders. Each driver is therefore solely responsible to observe and respect local law.

Furthermore, Edison GmbH sold and shipped the car (later involved in the incident) to Poritura Ltd, wherein the user manual provided with the shipment explicitly stated that the buyer may review the update settings and modify them to their liking. The default setting for the car in question was set to "off" by Poritura Ltd. This is the mode which enables running diagnostics for data collection and analysis by Edison and MapSat (beta testing etc.). Poritura Ltd was issued a PIN number and should have changed the settings back to "automatic" or at least forwarded the PIN to their client. This feature, however, is not a direct product of Edison GmbH. The hardware and software which governs the functioning of the navigational components was produced by our subcontractor MapSat d.o.o., Gorenjska ulica 10, Črnomelj, Slovenia. MapSat had engineered the software to run on Tomos operating system and it was MapSat which recommended users to enable manual settings, not Edison GmbH.

All concerns about the supposed malfunctioning of the cameras on Edison vehicles are unsubstantiated. The fact of the matter is, that the cameras worked properly, it was the traffic sign which was defiled, so the software couldn't recognize it. It is the fault of the local municipality, which failed to upkeep the road signs from hooliganism. The signalisation which was written in Slovenian could of course not be read by the software. The driver should have been aware of this, as none of the functions in the car were available in Slovene language.

Edison GmbH regrets the incident. It was, however, yet again the human factor which caused it. The future belongs to driverless cars.