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Dear Mr. Milnes,

Thank you very much for your letter and intensive preoccupation with BMW products.

First of all I'd like to reassure you that our automatic driving lights control you have driven in the 5 series is not configured to have an automatic DRL but an intelligent switch on and off the low beam depending on visibility conditions.

The aim is to avoid that the driver forget to switch the low beam on at night or in tunnels and to switch it off by leaving the tunnel.

By this logic we avoid unnecessary glare as well as unnecessary waste of electricity or fuel consumption during the day.

At the same time it ensures that the driver doesn't drive without low beam during the night. This system should only assist the driver, but not replace the driver's judgement. In non-obvious situations like fog the sensor is not able to decide whether to switch the lights on or off.

In order to avoid the inconvenience of glare as far as possible the automatic light control's sensibility is set relatively low. All these details of the function ensure that low beam is only switched on if the conditions really necessitate it.

Even if a new EU law for DRL will be adopted, it is BMW's target not to use normal low beam for fulfilling the prescriptions but implement a specific solution.

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We hope to have resolved your doubts concerning the functionality of the BMW automatic driving light control.

Yours faithfully,

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