

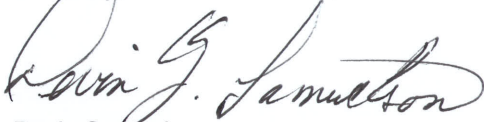
**Re: Protection Technology Groups' policy regarding *Conflict Mineral*
(Metals)**

The Financial Reform Bill (H.R. 4173) signed into law on July 21, 2010, contains a provision requiring manufacturers and their customers to disclose what steps they are taking to ensure that their products do not contain "conflict minerals" from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The law will apply to manufactured goods containing tin, tantalum, gold, tungsten or any other mineral or its derivatives determined by the Secretary of State to be financing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo or an adjoining country. It will require manufactures to report to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and disclose on their websites whether any materials in their products originate in the Democratic Republic of Congo or its adjoining countries.

PTGs' policy prohibits suppliers from sourcing metals either known to be derived from conflict regions or designated as conflict metals. Due to the complexity of this issue, PTG is working with its supply chain to develop and implement systems for reasonable due diligence in verifying all sourced metals are derived from conflict-free mines.

PTG is taking appropriate measures to confirm that metals used in our products are sourced from "conflict-free" mines through a public commitment not to purchase conflict minerals or include conflict minerals in any final products, supported by substantive supply chain efforts, internal procurement review and engagement with suppliers to identify and address potential conflict mineral use and sources in company supply chains.

Sincerely,



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