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Mr. Mark Michalak Managing Director Amphenol Canada Corporation 20 Melford Drive Scarborough, Ontario Canada M1B 2X6

Dear Mr. Michalak:

On behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, I want to thank you for submitting your Supply Chain Security Profile. By joining with us in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), you are contributing to the security of our borders and to the continued free flow of international trade.

The participation of Amphenol Canada Corporation and others from the importing communities is but a first important step in what promises to be a sustained effort to meet the challenge posed by the terrorist threat to the United States. Your role in the C-TPAT is to continue current efforts to secure your supply chains against possible compromise, communicate your efforts to your business partners, and maintain a high level of compliance in other Customs related areas.

Our commitment to you, consistent with our mission-critical objectives, is to provide a secure entry process highlighted by the efficient release of goods and the prompt resolution of any outstanding issues affecting Customs processing of shipments. In addition, Customs is in the process of assigning a point of contact that will act as your liaison for all C-TPAT related matters. In the interim, for any C-TPAT related issues, please contact the Customs Headquarters C-TPAT office until such a time as you have been notified as to who your C-TPAT point of contact will be. Please be reminded that if you currently have an Account Manager assigned to your company, you may continue to engage him or her with any Customs related questions or concerns.

After careful review of your security profile, we are pleased to inform you that you have completed your Supply Chain Security Profile commitment, and we welcome you as a certified member of the C-TPAT program. At this time we would like for Amphenol Canada Corporation to provide us with additional information as outlined in the enclosed attached supplement. Please submit your written response to the Customs Headquarters C-TPAT office. Customs will proceed to provide Amphenol Canada Corporation with C-TPAT benefits, including a reduced level of cargo exams. Other forthcoming benefits will include anti-terrorism training seminars, sharing of information and best practices, etc.



Please be aware that as part of the continually evolving security process, C-TPAT participants should develop and maintain a complete and detailed security plan to be available for Customs to review upon request. Also, as part of your ongoing C-TPAT commitment, a customized, internal, self-policing program should be developed and implemented to review your security procedures on a regular basis. Customs will soon provide all partners with a C-TPAT yearly assessment to be completed by the appropriate company officials. Please continue to engage and communicate C-TPAT security recommendations to all sectors of your supply chain.

Again, I welcome you as a C-TPAT partner and I thank you in advance for your support in this important effort.

Enclosed you will find a co-signed copy of the C-TPAT agreement and a consent form, to be signed at your discretion, granting Customs permission to mention your company's name during public events dealing with trade security issues.

If you have any questions, please visit our website at <a href="www.cbp.gov">www.cbp.gov</a> or contact Robert Perez, Director, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, at (202) 927-0520.

Sincerely,

Jayson P. Ahern

Assistant Commissioner Office of Field Operations

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