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PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS ENTERPRISES ACQUIRES PARACLETE Adds an Excellent Brand and Expands Product Offering

SUNRISE, FL – October 18, 2011 – Protective Products Enterprises (“PPE”), a manufacturer and marketer of soft body armor for personnel and vehicles in the military and law enforcement markets, today announced that it has acquired Paraclete, a well-established global brand of advanced body armor systems and accessories, from Mine Safety Appliances Company (“MSA”). Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. PPE is an affiliated portfolio company of Sun Capital Partners, Inc., a leading private investment firm specializing in leveraged buyouts and investments in market-leading companies.

Based in St. Pauls, NC, Paraclete designs and manufactures tactical and concealable vests and customized pockets and pouches sold to law enforcement and military markets. Paraclete places an emphasis on domestic and international military special operations, federal agencies and tactical law enforcement groups.

Paraclete was formed in 1998 to provide technologically advanced, custom-designed equipment for military and law enforcement, and remains a top choice for U.S. and European elite special operations units. With a strong focus on research and development, Paraclete develops state-of-the-art products and is often the first to bring these products to market.

“Paraclete’s market position in the commercial segment will augment PPE’s already sizeable footprint in the domestic body armor market. In addition, Paraclete will bring a very unique set of capabilities that helps to diversify our product offering as well as expand our market share,” said Mike Kilbane, Chief Executive Officer of Protective Products Enterprises.

In the past year PPE has been awarded a number of contracts supplying body armor to the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marines. Also, PPE has been selected to provide body armor to large metropolitan police departments including those in New York City, Miami-Dade, and Los Angeles County because of its high performance product offering and unparalleled commitment to quality.

About Protective Products Enterprises

Protective Products Enterprises designs, manufactures and markets advanced products used to provide ballistics protection for personnel and vehicles in the military and law enforcement markets. Products include concealable soft body armor products for law enforcement and the Improved Modular Tactical Vest, a ballistic system for military personnel. The company produces and sells body armor to several U.S. Armed Forces, federal agencies, local and state police forces.



About Sun Capital Partners, Inc.

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