

PRIDE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Audit Committee Charter

Purpose

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Committee”) is constituted and established by the Board to assist the Board in overseeing (1) the integrity of the financial statements of Pride International, Inc. (the “Company”), (2) the compliance by the Company with legal and regulatory requirements, (3) the independence, qualifications and performance of the Company’s independent auditors and (4) the performance of the Company’s internal audit function. Pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), the Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company (any such firm is referred to in this Charter as the Company’s independent auditors). The Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors, except as may be prohibited by law, with respect to all matters encompassed by this Charter, and shall have all the power and authority required under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Membership and Meetings

The Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall consist of not less than three members of the Board of Directors, each of whom shall serve at the discretion of the Board. The Committee shall elect a Chairman (unless appointed by the Board). The Board intends that the members of the Committee shall meet the independence, expertise, experience and financial literacy requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and the rules and regulations of the SEC. At least one member of the Committee shall be a person who the Board determines is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by Item 401(h)(2) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, no member of the Committee shall simultaneously serve on the audit committees of more than two other public companies.

The Committee will meet as often as the members shall determine to be necessary or appropriate, but at least quarterly. The Chairman of the Committee, together with other members of the Committee and senior management as appropriate, shall be responsible for developing a written agenda for each meeting. The Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairman, the majority of the members of the Committee present at a meeting shall appoint a member to preside at the meeting. The Committee shall make regular reports to the Board, and all formal actions of the Committee shall be reported to the Board at or prior to the next regular meeting of the Board, accompanied by any recommendations to the Board approved by the Committee. The Committee may adopt such other rules and regulations for calling and holding its meetings and for the transaction of business at such meetings as may be necessary or desirable and not inconsistent with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Company or this Charter. In addition, the Committee will make

itself available to the independent auditors and the internal auditors of the Company as requested.

Authority and Responsibilities

The independent auditors of the Company are ultimately accountable to the Committee and the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have the sole authority to appoint (subject to stockholder ratification, if applicable) and replace the Company's independent auditors and to approve all audit engagement fees and terms. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditors (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company. The independent auditors shall report directly to the Committee.

The Committee shall preapprove all audit, review or attest engagements and permissible non-audit services, including the fees and terms thereof, to be performed by the independent auditors, subject to, and in compliance with, the *de minimis* exception for non-audit services described in Section 10A(i)(1)(B) of the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members when appropriate, including the authority to grant preapprovals of audit and permissible non-audit services. The Committee also may delegate such preapproval authority to any of its members. Any decisions of such subcommittees or members to grant preapprovals shall be reported to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

The Committee shall, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate:

1. Review and discuss with management and the independent auditors the annual audited financial statements, as well as disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.
2. Recommend to the Board of Directors whether the Company's annual audited financial statements and accompanying notes should be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.
3. Prepare and approve the audit committee report as required by the SEC to be included in the Company's proxy statement for the annual meeting (or in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K if required to be included therein).
4. Review and discuss with management and the independent auditors the Company's quarterly financial statements, as well as disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, prior to the filing of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, including any matters provided in Statement on Auditing Standards No. 100 arising in connection with the Company's quarterly financial statements.

5. Review and discuss with management and the independent auditors:
 - Major issues and judgments (i) regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations or (ii) otherwise made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including significant changes in the selection or application of accounting principles, any major issues concerning the adequacy of the Company's internal controls, any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies and the adequacy of disclosures about changes in internal control over financial reporting.
 - Analyses prepared by management and/or the independent auditors setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative methods of generally accepted accounting principles on the financial statements.
6. Review and discuss with management (including the senior internal audit executive) and the independent auditor the Company's internal control report and the independent auditor's attestation of the report prior to the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.
7. Review and discuss reports from the independent auditors on:
 - All critical accounting policies and practices to be used.
 - All alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with management, including (1) ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments and (2) the treatment preferred by the independent auditors.
 - Other material written communications between the independent auditors and management, such as any management letter provided by the independent auditors and management's response to that letter, any management representation letter, any reports on observations and recommendations on internal controls, any schedule of unadjusted audit differences and a listing of adjustments and reclassifications not recorded, if any, and any engagement or independence letters.
8. Review with management the Company's earnings press releases, including the use of any "non-GAAP financial measures," as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. Such discussion may be general (covering, for example, the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made).

9. Review with management and the independent auditors the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures and related-party transactions on the Company's financial statements.
10. Meet periodically with management to review the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures; and discuss the Company's policies and guidelines concerning risk assessment and risk management.
11. Discuss with the independent auditors the matters required to be communicated by the independent auditors pursuant to Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 relating to the conduct of the audit, including any problems or difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work and management's response, any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested information and any significant disagreements with management.
12. Review with the independent auditors any communication or consultation between the Company's audit team and the independent auditors' national office respecting auditing or accounting issues presented by the engagement.
13. Review the disclosures that the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer make to the Committee and the independent auditors in connection with the certification process for the Company's Reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q concerning any significant deficiencies or weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting and any fraud that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.
14. Obtain from the independent auditors assurance that Section 10A(b) of the Exchange Act has not been implicated.
15. Obtain reports from management, the Company's senior internal auditing executive and the independent auditors that the Company's subsidiary/foreign affiliated entities are in conformity with applicable legal requirements and the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethical Practices.
16. Advise the Board of Directors with respect to the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with applicable laws and regulations and with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethical Practices.
17. Establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
18. Discuss with management and the independent auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any published reports that raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.

19. Review with the Company's General Counsel legal matters that may have a material impact on the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance policies and any material reports or inquiries received from regulators or governmental agencies.
20. Meet periodically in separate executive sessions with management (including the chief financial officer and the chief accounting officer), the internal auditors and the independent auditors and have such other direct and independent interaction with such persons from time to time as the members of the Audit Committee deem appropriate.
21. At least annually, obtain and review a report by the independent auditors describing (i) the independent auditors' internal quality-control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company as contemplated by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1. Evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditors, including a review and evaluation of the lead partner of the independent auditors. In making this evaluation, the Committee shall take into account the opinions of management and internal auditors. The Committee shall present its conclusions with respect to the independent auditors to the full Board of Directors.
22. Confirm the rotation of the lead audit partner, the reviewing partner and other significant audit partners as required by Section 10A(j) of the Exchange Act and the rules of the SEC.
23. Maintain hiring policies for the Company's employment of the independent auditors' personnel or former personnel.
24. Meet with the independent auditors prior to the audit to review the planning and staffing of the audit.
25. Review the significant reports to management prepared by the internal auditing department and management's responses.
26. Review with management and the independent auditors the responsibilities, budget and staffing of the internal auditors and any recommended changes in the planned scope of the internal audit. The internal audit function (which may be outsourced to a third-party service provider other than the independent auditor) is intended to provide management and the Committee with ongoing assessments of the Company's risk management processes and system of internal control. Review the appointment and retention of the senior internal auditing executive.

27. Review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board of Directors for approval.
28. Review annually the Committee's own performance.

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. It is also not the duty of the Committee to conduct investigations or to assure compliance with laws and regulations and the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethical Practices.

The Committee shall have the authority to engage and obtain advice and assistance from current or independent legal, accounting or other advisors without seeking approval of the Board of Directors. The Committee may request any officer or employee of the Company or the Company's outside counsel or independent auditors to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or advisors to, the Committee. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent auditors for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, compensation to any advisors employed by the Committee, and ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

Nothing in this Charter shall be deemed to amend the provisions of the Bylaws with respect to this Committee or other committees of the Board absent a separate resolution of the Board expressly amending the Bylaws.

Adopted: February 24, 2006

/s/ W. Gregory Looser
Secretary