

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

March 22, 2013

Via E-mail
George Babich, Jr.
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**Re:** Checkpoint Systems, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 30, 2012

Filed March 5, 2013 File No. 1-11257

Dear Mr. Babich:

We have limited our review of your filing to your contacts with countries that have been identified as state sponsors of terrorism, and we have the following comments. Our review with respect to this issue does not preclude further review by the Assistant Director group with respect to other issues. At this juncture, we are asking you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

## General

1. In your letters to us dated December 14, 2009 and January 21, 2010, you discussed prior sales of your products to Syria. In addition, you identify on your website a contact person for the Middle East and Africa, and you specifically identify Syria as one of the countries you serve in that region. As you know, Syria is designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the State Department, and is subject to U.S. economic sanctions and export controls. Sudan, located in Africa, also is designated by the State Department as a state sponsor of terrorism and is subject to U.S. economic sanctions and export controls. Your Form 10-K does not include disclosure about operations related to Syria or Sudan.

Please describe to us the nature and extent of any past, current, and anticipated contacts with Syria or Sudan, whether through direct or indirect arrangements, since the referenced letters. Your response should describe any products, materials, components,

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equipment, technology, or services you have provided into Syria or Sudan, directly or indirectly, and any agreements, arrangements, or other contacts you have had with the governments of those countries or entities they control.

2. Please discuss for us the materiality of any contacts with Syria and Sudan you describe in response to the foregoing comment, and whether those contacts constitute a material investment risk for your security holders. You should address materiality in quantitative terms, including the approximate dollar amounts of any associated revenues, assets, and liabilities for the last three fiscal years and the subsequent interim period. Also, address materiality in terms of qualitative factors that a reasonable investor would deem important in making an investment decision, including the potential impact of corporate activities upon a company's reputation and share value. Various state and municipal governments, universities, and other investors have proposed or adopted divestment or similar initiatives regarding investment in companies that do business with U.S.-designated state sponsors of terrorism. Your materiality analysis should address the potential impact of the investor sentiment evidenced by such actions directed toward companies that have operations associated with Syria and Sudan.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to the company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please contact Pradip Bhaumik, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3333 or me at (202) 551-3470 if you have any questions about the comments or our review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cecilia Blye

Cecilia Blye, Chief Office of Global Security Risk George Babich, Jr. Checkpoint Systems, Inc. March 22, 2013 Page 3

cc:

Larry Spirgel Assistant Director

Division of Corporation Finance