



DIVISION OF
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4628

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Via U.S. Mail and Fax (713)789-1430

Mr. Brian C. Voegelé
Chief Financial Officer
Pride International, Inc.
5847 San Felipe, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77057

**Re: Pride International, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009
Filed February 19, 2010
File No. 1-13289**

Dear Mr. Voegelé:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris White

Chris White
Branch Chief