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### **PPGI'S MRC OPTICS SUBSIDIARY SELECTED BY US ARMY TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT OPTICAL MIRRORS FOR M1A1 TANK**

NORTHVALE, NJ, May 22 – Photonic Products Group, Inc (OTC Bulletin Board: PHPG) announced today that its MRC Optics subsidiary in Sarasota, FL has been competitively awarded a multi-year contract from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive & Armaments Command in Rock Island, IL to provide new precision metal optical mirrors for the M1A1 Abrams tank fire-control electro-optical suite. The contract award contains an initial funding release of \$660,000 for first year deliveries, with multiple options for additional releases during the next three years. Additionally, MRC Optics received in excess of \$240,000 funding from the U.S. Army's Anniston Army Depot (Anniston, AL) under the company's existing multi-year basic purchase agreement (BPA) with the Army for refurbishment of existing M1A1 tank mirrors over the next three months. Additional releases under this contract vehicle are anticipated by the Company over the next eighteen months. Production activities under both contracts are proceeding in parallel.

Tom Crafts, Director of Sales for MRC Optics noted, "Back in 2004 through 2006, MRC Optics provided the replacement head mirrors for the Bradley Armored Fighting Vehicle upgrade and retrofit program under similar contracts. Now our customer, the U.S. Army, is engaged in a multi-year effort to refurbish and upgrade M1A1 Abrams main battle tanks that were deployed overseas. The primary head mirror is a key component to that systems well-known shoot-on-the-move capability. These two initial contractual releases are the first part of what we anticipate will be a multiple year activity whose total scope may exceed \$3 million."

Dan Lehrfeld, PPGI President and CEO commented, "As the original equipment manufacturer of these precision optical components years ago, MRC Optics is well-positioned to support this important Army program with highest quality components in a timely manner. By providing both new replacement mirrors and salvaging those reclaimed mirrors that can be refurbished, we at MRC Optics are doing our part to help the Army to complete this program in the most economical manner."

Photonics Products Group, inc. develops, manufactures, and markets products and services for use in diverse Photonics industry sectors via its expanding portfolio of branded businesses. INRAD specializes in crystal-based optical components and devices, laser accessories and instruments. Laser Optics specializes in precision custom optical components, assemblies and



optical coatings. MRC Optics specializes in precision metal and diamond turned optics, and opto-mechanical and electro-optical assemblies. PPGI's customers include leading corporations in the Defense and Aerospace, Laser Systems and Process Control and Metrology sectors of the Photonics Industry, as well as the U. S. Government. Its products are also used by researchers at the National Laboratories and Universities world –wide.