

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

February 16, 2012

<u>Via E-mail</u> Mr. Lynn Amos Chief Financial Officer Polypore International, Inc. 11430 North Community House Road, Suite 350 Charlotte, NC 28277

> Re: Polypore International, Inc. Form 10-K Filed February 25, 2011 File No. 1-32266

Dear Mr. Amos:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or 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. 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 rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terence O'Brien

Terence O'Brien Branch Chief