

MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY INC  
Form RW  
September 19, 2008

September 18, 2008

**VIA EDGAR AND FACSIMILE**

Ms. Peggy Fisher, Assistant Director  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Mechanical Technology, Incorporated  
Registration Statement on Form S-1  
File No. 333-149920**

Dear Ms. Fisher:

On behalf of Mechanical Technology, Incorporated (the Company ), this letter is filed pursuant to Rule 477 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, SEC File No. 333-14990, which was filed on March 27, 2008, as amended (the Registration Statement ).

In light of current market conditions, the Company has determined not to proceed with the public offering contemplated by the Registration Statement. No securities have been sold pursuant to the Registration Statement. Accordingly, the Company hereby withdraws the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY, INCORPORATED

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