IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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n re:	: Chapter 11
EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES,	: Case No. 13-11482 (KJC
Debtor. ¹	: :
	Related Docket Nos. 3409

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER CONFIRMING FOURTH AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES

Upon the December 4, 2014 motion (the "Solicitation Procedures Motion")

[Docket No. 2714] of Exide Technologies ("Exide," the "Debtor" or, as applicable after the Effective Date, the "Reorganized Debtor") filed with the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (this "Court"), for entry of an order (A) approving the adequacy of the Debtor's Second Amended Disclosure Statement (as amended from time to time and including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the "Disclosure Statement") with respect to the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies, (B) approving solicitation and notice procedures with respect to Confirmation of the Plan ("Confirmation"), (C) approving the form of various ballots and notices in connection with Confirmation, including (I) the notice of procedures for filing objections to the Plan, and (II) the form and manner of notice of the confirmation hearing (the "Confirmation Hearing Notice"), and (D) scheduling certain dates with respect to Confirmation; and upon the order entered on February 4, 2015 granting the Solicitation Procedures Motion [Docket No. 3092] (the "Disclosure Statement Order"); and upon the order entered on February

The last four digits of the Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 2730. The Debtor's corporate headquarters are located at 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004.

4, 2015 approving, among other things, certain procedures associated with the Rights Offering (the "Rights Offering Procedures") and the distribution of materials in connection therewith [Docket No. 3088] (the "Rights Offering Procedures Order"); and the Debtor having filed with the Court the Fourth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3409] as amended or modified from time to time, together with all exhibits and supplements thereto, including the Plan Supplement (as defined below) the "Plan");² and the Debtor having filed with the Court certain exhibits to the Plan; and the Court on March 27, 2015 having held a hearing pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code to consider Confirmation (the "Confirmation Hearing"); and the Court having considered the Debtor's Memorandum of Law (i) in Support of Confirmation of the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies and (ii) in Response to Objections Thereto, filed by the Debtor on March 24, 2015 [Docket No. 3361] (the "Confirmation Brief"), the Declaration of Robert M. Caruso In Support of the Third Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3373] (the "Caruso Declaration"), the Declaration of Daniel Aronson In Support of the Third Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3374] (the "Aronson Declaration"), the Declaration of Ed Mosley In Support of the Third Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3372], and the Declaration of Craig E. Johnson of the Garden City Group, LLC Certifying the Methodology for the Tabulation of Votes On and Results of Voting With Respect to the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3381] (the "Voting <u>Certification</u>"), each filed by the Debtor in advance of the Confirmation Hearing; the Court having admitted into the record and considered evidence at the Confirmation Hearing; the Court

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan, a copy of which is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

having overruled any and all unresolved objections to Confirmation of the Plan; the Court having taken judicial notice of the contents of the docket of the Chapter 11 Case (defined below) maintained by the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court of the District of Delaware (the "Clerk of the Court") and/or its duly-appointed agent, including all pleadings and other documents filed, all orders entered thereon, all hearing transcripts, and all evidence and arguments made, proffered, or adduced at the hearings held before the applicable court during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Case; and after due deliberation thereon and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

It hereby is DETERMINED, FOUND, ADJUDGED, DECREED AND ORDERED THAT:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW³

A. <u>Jurisdiction; Venue; Core Proceeding (28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2) and 1334(a))</u>. This Court has jurisdiction over the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Chapter 11 Case</u>") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. Confirmation of the Plan is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(L), and this Court has jurisdiction to determine whether the Plan complies with the applicable provisions of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") and should be confirmed.

- B. <u>Eligibility for Relief.</u> The Debtor was and is an Entity eligible for relief under section 109 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- C. <u>Commencement and Administration of the Chapter 11 Case</u>. On June 10, 2013, the Debtor commenced the Chapter 11 Case (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"). The Debtor has

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operated its businesses and managed its properties as a debtor in possession pursuant to section 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Case.

D. Filing of Plan and Plan Exhibits. On November 17, 2014, the Debtor filed the Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 2632] and the Disclosure Statement with Respect to the Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 2631]. On January 30, 2015, the Debtor filed the First Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3060] and the First Amended Disclosure Statement with Respect to the First Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3061]. On February 4, 2015, the Debtor filed the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3078] and the Second Amended Disclosure Statement with Respect to the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization [Docket No. 3079]. On February 5, 2015, the Debtor filed a modified Second Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3096] and modified Second Amended Disclosure Statement with Respect to the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization [Docket No. 3095]. On March 25, 2015, the Debtor filed the Third Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3369]. On March 27, the Debtor filed the Fourth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3409]. On March 4, March 25, and March 26, 2015, the Debtor filed certain components of the Plan Supplement, which collectively contained Exhibits 2.1, 6.2(b), 6.2(c), 6.9, 6.12, 6.16, 6.17, 7.1, 7.3, 8.1 and 9.1 (as modified) to the Plan. The Plan Supplement complies with the terms of the Plan, and the filing and notice of the Plan Supplement materials were good and proper, and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Disclosure Statement Order, and no other or further notice is or shall be required. Following entry of this

Confirmation Order, the Debtor is authorized to modify the Plan, including the Plan Supplement, with the consent of the Required Consenting Creditors, the Requisite Backstop Parties, and the Creditors' Committee (solely to the extent it effects the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement), not to be unreasonably withheld, pursuant to section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

E. Transmittal of Solicitation Package. On or before February 11, 2015, the Debtor, through its solicitation agent, The Garden City Group, LLC (the "Administrative Agent"), caused the applicable forms of ballots in the forms attached to the Disclosure Statement Order (as modified, collectively, the "Ballots") and the Solicitation Packages (as set forth in the Disclosure Statement Order) to be served and distributed as required by the Disclosure Statement Order, section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3017 and 3018, the local rules for this Court (the "Local Rules"), all other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and all other applicable rules, laws, and regulations applicable to such solicitation, all as set forth in the Affidavit of Service of Andrew Weissman regarding service of solicitation materials filed on February 13, 2015 [Docket No. 3131] (the "Weissman Solicitation Affidavit"). The Solicitation Packages were transmitted to all creditors entitled to vote on the Plan and sufficient time was prescribed for creditors to accept or reject the Plan. The Debtor was excused from mailing Solicitation Packages to those Entities to whom the Debtor mailed a notice regarding the Disclosure Statement Hearing and received a notice from the United States Postal Service or other carrier that such notice was undeliverable unless such Entity provided the Debtor, through the Administrative Agent, with an accurate address not less than ten (10) days prior to the Solicitation Mailing Deadline. If an Entity changed its mailing address after the Petition Date, the burden was on such Entity, and not the Debtor, to advise the Debtor and the Administrative Agent of the new address. The transmittal and service of the Solicitation Packages and Ballots

was adequate and sufficient under the circumstances and no other or further notice is or shall be required.

- F. The Rights Offering Procedures and materials for distribution in connection therewith approved by this Court in the Rights Offering Procedures Order were transmitted to and served on all Holders that were entitled to participate in the Rights Offering. The transmittal and service of such documents was adequate and sufficient, and no further notice is or shall be required. Notice of the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election transmitted through the DTC in form and substance substantially similar to Exhibit C attached hereto shall be adequate and sufficient and no further notice shall be required.
- G. Mailing and Publication of Notice. As described herein and as evidenced by the Weissman Solicitation Affidavit, due, adequate and sufficient notice of the Plan and the Confirmation Hearing, together with all deadlines for voting on or objecting to the Plan was given in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules. The Debtor, through the Administrative Agent, caused the Confirmation Hearing Notice to be mailed to all (a) known Holders of Claims and Interests, (b) parties that requested notice in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2002, and (c) all other parties included in the Debtor's creditor and notice party matrix. The Debtor also published the Confirmation Hearing Notice in: (i) The Wall Street Journal (National Edition), the New York Times (National Edition), the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, and the Los Angeles Times on February 12, 2015; (ii) the Vernon Sun and La Opinión (in Spanish) on February 13, 2015, and (iii) the West Covina Highlander on February 14, 2015, in compliance with the Disclosure Statement Order and Bankruptcy Rule 2002(l). See the Certificate of Publication of Nina H. Brody filed on March 10, 2015 [Docket No. 3238]. Thus,

the Debtor has given proper, adequate and sufficient notice of the Confirmation Hearing and no other or further notice is or shall be required.

- H. <u>Solicitation</u>. Votes on the Plan were solicited in good faith and in compliance with sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3017 and 3018, the Disclosure Statement, the Disclosure Statement Order, the local rules of this Court, all other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and all other applicable rules, laws, and regulations applicable to such solicitation. Pursuant to the Solicitation Procedures (as defined in the Disclosure Statement Order), the Debtor transmitted Solicitation Packages (as defined in the Disclosure Statement Order) to the banks, brokers, dealers, trust companies, or other holders of record (the "Holders of Record") (or their mailing agents) of the Senior Notes.
- I. The Debtor received votes to accept or reject the Plan from forty nine (49) Holders of Record on behalf of Class A Claims. The Holders of approximately 83% in principal amount of the Senior Notes Claims voted in favor of the Plan and consented to the treatment of the Senior Notes proposed in the Plan, including the treatment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations.
- J. Pursuant to the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, the Holders of Class F Vernon Tort Claims listed on Exhibit A to the Amended Verified Statement of Brown Rudnick LLP and the Rosner Law Group LLC Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2019 [Docket No. 3386] (the "Vernon Tort Claims Settlement Parties") who submitted valid votes (through their counsel) to reject the Plan agreed to amend their previously-submitted votes and vote to accept the Plan. Pursuant to section 3018 of the Bankruptcy Code, good and sufficient cause has been shown for such Holders to change their votes, and such votes have been validly changed to votes to accept the Plan in accordance with the Disclosure Statement Order.

- K. <u>Senior Notes Stock Election</u>. Under the Plan, Holders of Class A Claims were required to certify as to whether or not such Holder is an Eligible Holder. Because solicitation of, and voting by, Class A Holders was accomplished through Holders of Record, it is difficult, if not impossible, to verify the accuracy of the Eligible Holder Certifications of Class A1. Because there are only forty nine (49) Holders of Record from which the Debtor received votes on behalf of Class A Claims, the Debtor, in good faith, elected to provide Class A2 Holders with the option to receive New Exide Common Stock as part of their distribution in lieu of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments.
- L. <u>Good Faith Solicitation (11 U.S.C. § 1125(e))</u>. All persons within the definition of Exculpated Parties who solicited votes on the Plan are entitled to the protections afforded by section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code as well as the exculpation and limitation of liability provisions set forth in Articles 12.9 and 12.10 of the Plan.
- M. <u>Voting Certification</u>. On March 25, 2015, the Administrative Agent filed the Voting Certification, certifying the method and results of the ballot tabulation for each of the Classes entitled to vote under the Plan, Classes A, B, D, E, F (the "<u>Voting Classes</u>"). As evidenced by the Voting Certification, Classes A, B, D, E, and F have accepted the Plan in accordance with section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- N. <u>Plan Modifications</u>. Subsequent to solicitation, the Debtor made certain modifications to its plan of reorganization as reflected in the Plan. All such modifications, including the modifications related to the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, since the entry of the Disclosure Statement Order are consistent with all of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 1122, 1123, 1125, and 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code. None of the aforementioned modifications, including the modifications as set forth in the Vernon Tort Claims

Term Sheet, materially adversely affects the treatment of any Holder of a Claim or Interest under the Plan. Accordingly, pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, none of the modifications require additional disclosure under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code or resolicitation of votes under section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code. Prior notice regarding the substance of any modifications to the Plan, together with the filing with the Bankruptcy Court of the Plan as modified, and the disclosure of the Plan modifications on the record at or prior to the Confirmation Hearing constitute due and sufficient notice of any and all such modifications. Further, in accordance with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019, all Holders of Claims or Interests who voted to accept the Plan or who are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan are deemed to have accepted the Plan as modified by the Plan modifications. No Holder of a Claim or Interest shall be permitted to change its vote as a consequence of the Plan modifications unless otherwise agreed to by the Holder of the Claim or Interest and the Debtor. The modifications to the Plan are hereby approved, pursuant to section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019. The Plan as modified shall constitute the Plan submitted for Confirmation.

- O. <u>Bankruptcy Rule 3016</u>. The Plan is dated and identifies the Entity submitting it, thereby satisfying Bankruptcy Rule 3016(a). The filing of the Disclosure Statement with the Clerk of the Court satisfied Bankruptcy Rule 3016(b).
- P. Plan Compliance with Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(1)). The Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code because it complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including, but not limited to: (a) the proper classification of Claims and Interests (11 U.S.C. §§ 1122, 1123(a)(1)); (b) the specification of Unimpaired Classes (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(2)); (c) the specification of treatment of Impaired Classes (11

U.S.C. § 1123(a)(3)); (d) provision for the same treatment of each Claim or Interest within a Class (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(4)); (e) provision for adequate and proper means for implementation (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(5)); (f) the prohibition against the issuance of non-voting equity securities (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(6)); (g) adequate disclosure of the procedures for determining the identities and affiliations of the members, officers, and GUC Trust Trustee with respect to the Reorganized Debtor and the GUC Trust (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(7)); and (h) additional plan provisions permitted to effectuate the restructuring of the Chapter 11 Case (11 U.S.C. § 1123(b)).

Proper Classification (11 U.S.C. §§1122 and 1123(a)(1)). The (a) classification of Claims and Interests under the Plan is proper under the Bankruptcy Code. In accordance with sections 1122(a) and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Article III of the Plan adequately and properly identifies and classifies all Claims and Interests (other than Administrative Claims, DIP Facility Claims, Professional Claims, and Priority Tax Claims, which are addressed in Article II of the Plan, and which are not required to be designated as separate Classes pursuant to section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code). The Plan provides for the separate classification of Claims and Interests into nine (9) Classes, based on differences in the legal nature or priority of such Claims and Interests. Each Class of Claims and Interests contains only Claims or Interests that are substantially similar to the other Claims and Interests within that Class, and such classification therefore satisfies section 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code. Valid business, factual, and legal reasons exist for the separate classification of the various Classes of Claims and Interests under the Plan, the classifications were not made for any improper purpose, and the creation of such Classes does not unfairly discriminate between or among Holders of Claims or Interests. Accordingly, the requirements of section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code are satisfied.

- (b) Specified Treatment of Unimpaired Classes (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(2)). The Plan specifies in Article III that Classes C and G are Unimpaired under the Plan, thereby satisfying section 1123(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (c) Specified Treatment of Impaired Classes (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(3)). The Plan specified in Article III that Classes A, B, D, E, F, H, and I are Impaired under the Plan, thereby satisfying section 1123(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (d) No Discrimination (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(4)). Article III of the Plan provides for the same treatment for each Claim or Interest in each respective Class unless the Holder of a particular Claim or Interest has agreed to a less favorable treatment of such Claim or Interest. Accordingly the Plan satisfies section 1123(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (e) <u>Implementation of the Plan (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(5))</u>. Article VI of the Plan provides for adequate and proper means for implementation of the Plan, thereby satisfying section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- of the Plan provides that the organizational documents of the Reorganized Debtor shall be amended as may be required so that they are consistent with the provisions of the Plan and otherwise comply with section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Exide Technologies provides for the prohibition of the issuance of non-voting equity securities pursuant to and to the extent required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, as set forth in Exhibit 6.12-1 of the Plan. Accordingly, the Plan satisfies section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (g) <u>Selection of Officers and Directors (11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(7))</u>.

 Articles 6.13 and 6.16 of the Plan set forth the manner of selection of the directors and officers of

the Reorganized Debtor. The Debtor has properly and adequately disclosed or otherwise identified the procedures for determining the identity and affiliations of all individuals proposed to serve on or after the Effective Date as officers or directors of the Reorganized Debtor. The appointment, employment, or manner of selection of such individuals or entities and the proposed compensation and indemnification arrangements for officers and directors are consistent with the interests of Holders of Claims and Interests and with public policy. Thus, section 1123(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied.

(h) Additional Plan Provisions (11 U.S.C. §1123(b)). The Plan's additional provisions are appropriate and consistent with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, provisions for (i) the general settlement of Claims and Interests, (ii) distributions to Holders of Claims, (iii) the disposition of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, (iv) the retention of, and the right to enforce, sue on, settle, or compromise (or refuse to do any of the foregoing with respect to) certain claims or causes of action against third parties, to the extent not waived and released under the Plan or this Confirmation Order (except GUC Trust Causes of Action), (v) the issuance of New First Lien High Yield Notes, New Second Lien Convertible Notes, and New Exide Common Stock, (vi) vesting of assets in the Reorganized Debtor, (vii) transferring and vesting GUC Trust Assets to the GUC Trust; (viii) implementation of the MIP, (ix) authorization for entering into the restructuring transactions; (x) indemnification obligations, (xi) releases by the Debtor of the Released Parties, (xii) releases by the Holders of Claims and Interests, as approved herein, of the Released Parties and (xiii) the exculpation of the Exculpated Parties.

Q. <u>Debtor's Compliance with Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(2))</u>.

The Debtor has complied with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy

Rules, the Disclosure Statement Order, and other orders of this Court, thereby satisfying section 1129(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- R. <u>Plan Proposed in Good Faith (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(3))</u>. The Debtor has proposed the Plan in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law. In determining that the Plan has been proposed in good faith, the Court has examined the totality of the circumstances surrounding the filing of the Chapter 11 Case, the formulation and negotiation of the Plan and all modifications thereto. The Chapter 11 Case was filed, and the Plan and all modifications thereto were proposed, with the legitimate and honest purpose of reorganizing and maximizing the value of the Debtor and the recovery to Claim Holders. Therefore, the Debtor has proposed the Plan in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law, and section 1129(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied with respect to the Plan.
- S. Payments for Services or Costs and Expenses (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(4)). Any payment made or to be made by the Debtor for services or for costs and expenses in connection with the Chapter 11 Case, including administrative expense and substantial contribution claims under sections 503 and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, or in connection with the Plan and incident to the Chapter 11 Case, either has been approved by or is subject to the approval of the Court as reasonable, thereby satisfying section 1129(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- T. Board of Directors, Officers, and Insiders (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(5)). The Debtor has complied with section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, the Debtor has disclosed (a) the identity and the affiliation of certain individuals proposed to serve on or after the Effective Date as officers or directors of the Reorganized Debtor and (b) the process for the selection of the directors of the Reorganized Debtor, which is hereby approved. Additionally,

the Debtor filed Plan Exhibit 6.16 (Management Incentive Plan Term Sheet). Accordingly, section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied with respect to the Plan.

- U. No Rate Changes (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(6)). Section 1129(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied because the Plan does not provide for any change in rates over which a governmental regulatory commission has jurisdiction.
- V. <u>Best Interests Test (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(7))</u>. The liquidation analysis attached as Exhibit C to the Disclosure Statement, the Mosley Declaration, and other evidence proffered or adduced at the Confirmation Hearing (1) are persuasive and credible, (2) are based upon reasonable and sound assumptions, (3) provide a reasonable estimate of the liquidation values of the Debtor upon hypothetical conversion to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (4) establish that each Holder of a Claim or Interest in an Impaired Class that has not accepted the Plan will receive or retain under the Plan, on account of such Claim or Interest, property of a value, as of the Effective Date, that is not less than the amount that such Holder would receive if the Debtor were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on such date. Therefore, the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- W. Acceptance By Certain Classes (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(8)). Classes C and G are Unimpaired by the Plan and therefore, under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, such Classes are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan. Classes A, B, D, E, and F have voted to accept the Plan. All other Classes have voted to reject or have been deemed to reject the Plan and, therefore, section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code has not been satisfied with respect to these Classes. Accordingly, Confirmation is sought pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- X. Treatment of Administrative Claims, Priority Tax Claims and Other

 Priority Claims (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(9)). The treatment of Administrative Claims and Other

 Priority Claims under the Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(a)(9)(A) and (B) of the

 Bankruptcy Code, and the treatment of Priority Tax Claims under the Plan satisfies the

 requirements of section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code. On the Effective Date, the

 Holders of DIP Facility Claims will receive Cash equal to the Allowed amount of such Claims or

 have agreed to the treatment provided for in the Plan, and thus treatment of the DIP Facility

 Claims satisfies section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- Y. Acceptance By Impaired Class (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(10)). At least one Impaired Class of Claims in the Chapter 11 Case voted to accept the Plan determined without including any acceptance of the Plan by any "insiders." Therefore, section 1129(a)(10) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied with respect to the Plan.
- Z. Feasibility (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(11)). The Plan does not provide for the liquidation of all or substantially all of the property of the Debtor. The Caruso Declaration, the financial projections in Exhibit B to the Disclosure Statement, and the evidence proffered or adduced at the Confirmation Hearing (i) are persuasive and credible, (ii) have not been controverted by other credible evidence or sufficiently challenged in any of the objections to the Plan, and (iii) establish that the Plan is feasible and that Confirmation is not likely to be followed by the liquidation of the Reorganized Debtor or the need for further financial reorganization of the Reorganized Debtor. Therefore, the Plan satisfies section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- AA. Payment of Fees (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(12)). The Debtor has paid or, pursuant to the Plan, will pay by the Effective Date, fees payable under 28 U.S.C. § 1930, thereby satisfying section 1129(a)(12) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- BB. Continuation of Retiree Benefits (11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(13)). Section 6.16(c) of the Plan provides that, after the Effective Date, subject to the Reorganized Debtor's rights, if any, under applicable non-bankruptcy law, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Reorganized Debtor shall continue to pay all retiree benefits, as that term is defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, at the level established pursuant to subsection (e)(1)(B) or (g) of section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, at any time prior to Confirmation, for the duration of the period the Debtor has obligated itself to provide such benefits, thereby satisfying section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- Impaired Classes. Classes H and I are deemed to reject the Plan. Pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan may be confirmed notwithstanding that not all Impaired Classes have voted to accept the Plan. All of the requirements of section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to such Classes, other than section 1129(a)(8), have been met. With respect to Classes H, and I, no Holders of Claims or Interests junior to the Holders of such Classes will receive or retain any property under the Plan on account of such Claims or Interests.

 Additionally, no Class of Claims or Interests is receiving property under the Plan having a value more than the Allowed amount of such Claim or Interest. Accordingly, the Plan is fair and equitable and does not discriminate unfairly, as required by section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and may be confirmed under Bankruptcy Code section 1129(b) notwithstanding their rejection or deemed rejection of the Plan.

- DD. <u>Principal Purpose of Plan (11 U.S.C. § 1129(d))</u>. The principal purpose of the Plan is not the avoidance of taxes or the avoidance of the application of section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. § 77e). Accordingly, the Plan satisfies the requirements of section 1129(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- EE. <u>Plan Settlements</u>. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9019, the Plan is dependent upon and incorporates the terms of compromises and settlements (the "<u>Plan Settlements</u>"), which include, among others, the GUC Trust Settlement. The Plan Settlements are interrelated and interdependent settlements which, together with the other provisions of the Plan, constitute a global settlement of all issues and disputes between and among the Debtor and its major constituents. The Plan Settlements, including the GUC Trust Settlement, are fair, equitable, reasonable, and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances, and are in the best interests of the Debtor, the Estate, and the Holders of Claims and Interests.
- FF. <u>Issuance of New Notes</u>. Issuance of the New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes are essential elements of the Plan and are in the best interests of the Debtor, its Estate, and Holders of Claims and Interests. The Debtor is authorized, without further approval of this Court or any other party, to issue the New First Lien High Yield Notes and New Second Lien Convertible Notes in accordance with the Plan and to execute and deliver all agreements, documents, instruments and certificates relating thereto.
- GG. <u>Issuance of New Exide Common Stock</u>. Issuance of the New Exide Common Stock is an essential element of the Plan and is in the best interests of the Debtor, its Estate, and Holders of Claims and Interests. The Debtor is authorized, without further approval of this Court or any other party, to issue the New Exide Common Stock in accordance with the

Plan and to execute and deliver all agreements, documents, instruments and certificates relating thereto.

- HH. Exit ABL Revolver Facility. The Exit ABL Revolver Facility is an essential element of the Plan, and entry into the Exit ABL Revolver Facility is in the best interests of the Debtor, its Estate, and its creditors. The Debtor has exercised sound business judgment in determining to enter into the Exit ABL Revolver Facility and has provided adequate notice thereof. The Exit ABL Revolver Facility has been negotiated in good faith and at arm's length among the Debtor and the lenders thereto (the "Exit ABL Lenders"), and any credit extended and loans made to the Reorganized Debtor by the Exit ABL Lender pursuant to the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, and any fees paid thereunder are deemed to have been extended, issued, and made in good faith.
- II. <u>Distributions of Securities Are Subject to Exemptions</u>. The offering, issuance, and distribution of any securities pursuant to the Plan, including the offering, issuance, and distribution of the New First Lien High Yield Notes, the New Second Lien Convertible Notes, the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments, the New Exide Common Stock, the interests of the beneficiaries of the GUC Trust, and the interests of the beneficiaries of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, to the extent they constitute securities, are subject to or made in good faith and in reliance upon exemptions from the requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act and any state or local laws requiring registration for offer or sale of a security or registration or licensing of an issuer of, underwriter of, or broker dealing in, a security pursuant to section 1145(a) of the Bankruptcy Code ("Section 1145"), section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act ("Section 4(a)(2)"), or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act, as applicable.

- JJ. Executory Contracts. The Debtor has exercised reasonable business judgment in determining whether to assume or reject its executory contracts (including licenses) and unexpired leases pursuant to Article IX of the Plan. Each assumption or rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease (including licenses) pursuant to Article IX of the Plan and Exhibit 9.1 thereto shall be legal, valid and binding upon the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and their assignees or successors and all non-debtor parties (and their assignees or successors) to such executory contract or unexpired lease, all to the same extent as if such assumption or rejection had been effectuated pursuant to an order of the Court entered before the Confirmation Date under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- KK. Adequate Assurance. The Debtor has cured, or provided adequate assurance that the Reorganized Debtor or its successors or assignees will cure, defaults (if any) under or relating to each of the executory contracts and unexpired leases that are being assumed by the Debtor pursuant to the Plan. In addition, the Debtor has provided adequate assurance of future performance regarding the executory contracts and unexpired leases that are being assumed by the Debtor as contemplated pursuant to section 365(b)(1)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- LL. Releases and Discharges. The discharge, release, and exculpation provisions described in Article XII of the Plan, including Sections 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.6, 12.7 and 12.9, constitute good faith compromises and settlements of the matters covered thereby, are otherwise approved by this Court as appropriate pursuant to applicable law, and/or are consensual. Such compromises and settlements are (i) made in exchange for adequate consideration, (ii) in the best interests of the Debtor, its Estate, Claim Holders and other parties in interest, (iii) fair, equitable and reasonable, and (iv) integral elements of the restructuring and resolution of the Chapter 11 Case in accordance with the Plan. Each of the discharge, release,

injunction, indemnification and exculpation provisions set forth in the Plan: (a) is within the jurisdiction of the Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(a), (b), and (d); (b) is an essential means of implementing the Plan pursuant to section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) is an integral element of the transactions incorporated into the Plan; (d) confers a material benefit on, and is in the best interests of, the Debtor, its Estate, and the Holders of Claims; (e) is important to the overall objectives of the Plan to finally resolve all Claims and Interests among or against the parties-in-interest in the Chapter 11 Case with respect to the Debtor, its organization, capitalization, operation, and reorganization; and (f) is consistent with sections 105, 1123, 1129, and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. The failure to effect the discharge, releases, and exculpation provisions set forth in the Plan, as approved by this Confirmation Order, would seriously impair the Debtor's ability to confirm and implement the Plan.

MM. Consummation of the Backstop Commitment Agreement and the Rights Offering. Without limiting, impairing, or modifying any previous order of this Court approving or governing the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, or the rights of the Backstop Parties, the proposed terms and conditions of the Rights Offering, the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering, and Backstop Commitment Agreement are fair and reasonable and are in the best interests of the Debtor, its Estate, and the Holders of Claims and Interests, and do not conflict with applicable law. The Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Rights Offering, and the Senor Notes A2 Rights Offering were negotiated at arm's length and in good faith, including in connection with the offer, issuance and sale of New Second Lien Convertible Notes pursuant thereto, and the payment of the fees and reimbursement of expenses contemplated thereby.

NN. <u>Plan Conditions to Confirmation</u>. Any and all conditions to Confirmation set forth in the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

- OO. <u>Plan Conditions to Consummation</u>. Each of the conditions to the Effective Date, as set forth in Section 13.1 of the Plan, is reasonably likely to be satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- PP. <u>Judicial Notice</u>. The Court takes judicial notice of the docket of the Chapter 11 Case maintained by the Clerk of the Court and/or its duly-appointed agent, including, without limitation, all pleadings and other documents filed, all orders entered, and all evidence and arguments made, proffered, or adduced at the hearings held before the Court during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Case.
- QQ. <u>Burden of Proof.</u> The Debtor, as proponent of the Plan, has met its burden of proving the elements of sections 1129(a) and (b) of the Bankruptcy Code by a preponderance of the evidence, which is the applicable evidentiary standard. This Court also finds that the Debtor has satisfied the elements of sections 1129(a) and (b) of the Bankruptcy Code under the clear and convincing standard of proof.
- RR. <u>Retention of Jurisdiction</u>. This Court properly may retain jurisdiction over the matters set forth in Article XIV of the Plan.
- SS. <u>Waiver of Stay</u>. Under the circumstances, it is appropriate that the 14-day stay imposed by Bankruptcy Rules 3020(e) and 7062(a) be waived.

DECREES

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Confirmation of Plan

1. <u>Confirmation</u>. The Plan, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, including all Exhibits attached thereto or included in the Plan Supplement, is approved and confirmed under

section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. The terms of the Plan are incorporated by reference into and are an integral part of this Confirmation Order.

- 2. <u>Notice</u>. Notice of the Plan, its exhibits, and all amendments and modifications thereto, the Disclosure Statement and the Solicitation Packages was proper and adequate.
- 3. <u>Objections</u>. All Objections and all reservations of rights that have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled, pertaining to the Confirmation of the Plan are overruled on the merits.
- 4. Effectiveness of All Actions. All actions contemplated by the Plan, including in connection with the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Rights Offering, and the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering are hereby authorized and approved in all respects (subject to the provisions of the Plan). The approvals and authorizations specifically set forth in this Confirmation Order are nonexclusive and are not intended to limit the authority of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor or any officer or director thereof to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement, effectuate and consummate any and all documents or transactions contemplated by the Plan or this Confirmation Order. Pursuant to this Confirmation Order and applicable law and consistent with the Plan, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor are authorized and empowered, without action of their respective stockholders or further action of the members or boards of directors or managers, to take any and all such actions as any of their executive officers may determine are necessary or appropriate to implement, effectuate and consummate any and all documents or transactions contemplated by the Plan or this Confirmation Order.

- 5. Vesting of Assets and Operation as of the Effective Date. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date, all property comprising the Estate (including Causes of Action, but excluding the GUC Trust Assets and property that has been abandoned pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court) shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor which, as Debtor, owned such property or interest in property as of the Effective Date, free and clear of all Claims, Liens, charges, encumbrances, rights, and Interests. As of and following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and use, acquire, and dispose of property and settle and compromise Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action (excluding the GUC Trust Assets) without supervision of the Bankruptcy Court, free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules, other than those restrictions expressly imposed by the Plan or this Confirmation Order.
- authorized in all respects, without further approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other party, subject to the consent rights of the Consenting Creditors and Required Backstop Parties, to (a) execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, all agreements, documents, instruments, and certificates relating to the Exit ABL Revolver Facility (the "Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents"), and to perform its obligations thereunder (including additional syndication of the Exit ABL Revolver Facility (if any)), including but, not limited to, any documents related to the loans and other extensions of credit contemplated by the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, any guarantees thereof and any other documents executed in connection therewith; (b) to grant Liens to secure such loans, other extensions of credit, and guarantees; (c) borrow under such Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents and use the proceeds of such borrowings for any purpose permitted thereunder, and (d) perform all of its obligations under the Exit ABL Revolver Facility

Documents, including the payment of all fees, expenses, losses, damages, indemnities and other amounts (including any applicable refinancing premiums and applicable exit fees) provided under the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents. As of the Effective Date, without any further action by the Court or the directors, officers, managers, members, or stockholders of the Reorganized Debtor, the Liens and security interests granted pursuant to the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents will constitute legal, valid and enforceable Liens and security interests in the collateral (as defined in the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents and any other documents to be executed and delivered pursuant thereto) and such Liens and security interests will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Reorganized Debtor. The holder(s) of Liens under the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents are authorized to file, with the appropriate authorities, financing statements and other documents (the "Exit ABL Perfection Documents") or to take possession of or control over, or to take any other action in order to evidence, validate and perfect such Liens or security interests. Subject in all cases to the terms and provisions of the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor (or its affiliates) are authorized to execute and deliver to the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Lenders any such agreements, financing statements, instruments and other documents, or obtain all governmental approvals and consents the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Lenders may reasonably request or that are required to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, provincial, federal, or other law (whether domestic or foreign) that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and this Confirmation Order, and are authorized to cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be reasonably necessary under applicable law to perfect and/or give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties. Whether the Exit ABL Perfection Documents are filed prior to, on or after the Effective

Date (i) such Exit ABL Perfection Documents will be valid, binding, enforceable and in full force and effect as of the Effective Date, and (ii) the Liens and security interests granted under or in connection with the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents will become valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Reorganized Debtor as of the Effective Date. The granting of such Liens, the making of such loans and other extensions of credit and such guarantees, the payment of fees contemplated thereunder, and the execution and consummation of the Exit ABL Revolver Facility have been and are being undertaken in good faith, for legitimate business purposes, for reasonably equivalent value, and will be deemed not to constitute a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, will not otherwise be subject to avoidance, or subject to recharacterization or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purpose whatsoever under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable non-bankruptcy law, and the priorities of such Liens and security interests will be as set forth in the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents.

7. <u>Issuance of New Notes</u>. Issuance of the New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes in accordance with the Plan is approved. The Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, are authorized and empowered, without further approval of this Court or any other party, to take such actions and to perform such acts as may be necessary, desirable, or appropriate to implement the issuance of the New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes in accordance with the Plan and to execute and deliver all agreements, documents, instruments, indentures, and certificates relating thereto (collectively, the "New Notes Documents," and together with the Exit ABL Facility Documents, the "Exit Financing Documents"). The loans and other extensions of credit contemplated by the New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes and the granting of Liens to secure such loans and other extensions of credit are approved

and authorized in all respects. The Reorganized Debtor is authorized to enter into collateral documents to secure the New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes. As of the Effective Date, without any further action by the Court or the directors, officers, managers, members, or stockholders of the Reorganized Debtor, the Liens and security interests granted pursuant to the New Notes Documents will constitute legal, valid and enforceable Liens and security interests in the collateral (as defined in the New Notes Documents and any other documents to be executed and delivered pursuant thereto) and such Liens and security interests will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Reorganized Debtor. The holders of Liens under the New Notes Documents are authorized to file, with the appropriate authorities, financing statements and other documents (the "New Notes Perfection Documents") or to take possession of or control over, or to take any other action in order to evidence, validate and perfect such Liens or security interests. Subject in all cases to the terms and provisions of the New Notes Documents and only to the extent permitted by the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor (or its affiliates) are authorized to execute and deliver to the Indenture Trustee(s) for the New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes (the "New Notes Trustees") any such agreements, financing statements, instruments and other documents, or obtain all governmental approvals and consents the New Notes Trustees may reasonably request or that are required to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, provincial, federal, or other law (whether domestic or foreign) that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and this Confirmation Order, and are authorized to cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be reasonably necessary under applicable law to perfect and/or give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties. Whether the New Notes Perfection

Documents are filed prior to, on or after the Effective Date (i) such New Notes Perfection

Documents will be valid, binding, enforceable and in full force and effect as of the Effective

Date, and (ii) the Liens and security interests granted under or in connection with the New Notes

Documents will become valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Reorganized Debtor.

The granting of such Liens, the making of such loans and other extensions of credit, the payment of fees contemplated thereunder, and the execution and consummation of the New Notes

Documents have been and are being undertaken in good faith, for legitimate business purposes, for reasonably equivalent value, and will be deemed not to constitute a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, will not otherwise be subject to avoidance, or subject to recharacterization or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purpose whatsoever under the

Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable non-bankruptcy law, and the priorities of such Liens and security interests will be as set forth in the New Notes Documents.

8. <u>Issuance of New Exide Common Stock</u>. Issuance of the New Exide Common Stock in accordance with the Plan is approved. The Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, are authorized and empowered, without further approval of this Court or any other party, to take such actions and to perform such acts as may be necessary, desirable, or appropriate to implement the issuance of the New Exide Common Stock in accordance with the Plan and to execute and deliver all agreements, documents, securities, instruments, and certificates relating thereto. The New Exide Common Stock to be issued is hereby deemed issued as of the Effective Date regardless of the date on which it is actually distributed. The New Exide Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan shall be issued to the Holders of Record of the Senior Notes, and such Holders of Record shall be deemed to be the holders of record of New Exide Common Stock. All New Exide Common Stock issued by the Reorganized Debtor

pursuant to the provisions of the Plan is hereby deemed to be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.

- 9. Senior Notes Stock Election. Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Class Claims who have completed a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Class Certification or who would otherwise qualify for a distribution pursuant to Article 4.1(b) of the Plan shall have thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (the "Senior Notes Stock Election Deadline") to make the Senior Notes Stock Election through DTC, pursuant to which such Holders shall receive in lieu of such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments under Article 4.1(b)(ii)(1)(A) of the Plan such Holder's Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Class A1 Claims and Allowed Class A2 Claims that make the Senior Notes Stock Election, of 10.0% of the New Exide Common Stock after giving effect to conversion of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes (prior to dilution on account of the MIP and any paid-in-kind interest accruing on the New Second Lien Convertible Notes prior to conversion). If a Holder of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Class Claims does not make a Senior Notes Stock Election by the Senior Notes Stock Election Deadline, and if such Holder completes a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Class Certification in accordance with the terms of the Plan, such Holder shall receive its Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments.
- 10. <u>Direction of Holders of Senior Notes Claims to Senior Notes Indenture</u>

 Trustee. A vote by a Holder of Senior Notes Claims to accept the Plan shall also constitute (i) a direction by such Holder to the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, pursuant to section 6.05 of the Senior Notes Indenture, not to pursue payment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection

 Obligations beyond any payment provided in the Plan and (ii) a consent by such Holder,

pursuant to section 9.02 of the Senior Notes Indenture, to amendments to the Senior Notes Indenture to (a) waive payment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations beyond any payment provided in the Plan and (b) allow for release of the Lien securing the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations. Such amendments to the Senior Notes Indenture shall become effective as of the Effective Date of the Plan without any further action by any party.

- 11. Consummation of the Backstop Commitment Agreement and the Rights Offering. To the extent not authorized by previous order of this Court, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor are hereby authorized, without further notice to or action, order, or approval of this Court or any other person or Entity, to (a) perform under the Backstop Commitment Agreement, (b) execute and deliver any agreements, documents, instruments, and certificates relating to the Rights Offering, the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering, and the Backstop Commitment Agreement that may be necessary or appropriate, including in connection with the offer, issuance, or sale of New Second Lien Convertible Notes pursuant thereto, and (c) consummate the transactions contemplated by the Backstop Commitment Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof. To the extent due and payable, the fees payable to the Backstop Commitment Parties and professionals for the Unofficial Noteholder Committee, including fees payable pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Agreement and fees incurred in connection with closing and implementation of the Plan (whether incurred prior to or after the Effective Date), shall be entitled to priority as administrative expense claims under sections 503(b) and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code payable without further order of this Court and shall be paid when due in accordance with the terms of the Backstop Commitment Agreement.
- 12. <u>Exemptions from Registration</u>. The Debtor is offering, issuing, and distributing Securities pursuant to the Plan, including offering, issuing, and distributing New

First Lien High Yield Notes, New Second Lien Convertible Notes, Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments, and New Exide Common Stock in good faith reliance upon exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and similar state statutes pursuant to and subject to Section 1145 and Section 4(a)(2) as follows:

- (a) The Debtor is authorized to issue New First Lien High Yield Notes on account of DIP Term Loan Claims, as contemplated by the Plan, in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (b) The Debtor is authorized to issue New Second Lien Convertible Notes on account of DIP Term Loan Claims, as contemplated by the Plan, is in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (c) The Debtor is authorized to issue New First Lien High Yield Notes and New Exide Common Stock for the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Funding Fee, as contemplated by the Plan, in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (d) The Debtor is authorized to issue New Exide Common Stock for the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Backstop Fee, as contemplated by the Plan, in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (e) The issuance of New Exide Common Stock to Class A Holders on account of their Senior Notes Claims, as contemplated by the Plan, is exempt from registration under the Securities Act under Section 1145.
- (f) The issuance of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments to Class A Holders on account of their Senior Notes claims, as contemplated by the Plan, is exempt from registration under the Securities Act under Section 1145;

- (g) The Debtor is authorized to issue the rights to participate in the Rights Offering or the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering contemplated by the Plan in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (h) The Debtor is authorized to issue the rights to participate in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option contemplated by the Plan in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (i) The Debtor is authorized issue New Second Lien Convertible Notes in exchange for exercising rights in the Rights Offering or the Senor Notes A2 Rights Offering, as contemplated by the Plan, in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (j) For the avoidance of doubt, each issuance of New Exide Common Stock, New First Lien High Yield Notes and New Second Lien Convertible Notes pursuant to the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option shall be made in good faith reliance upon exemption from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2).
- (k) Except with respect to the Section 1145 exemption, nothing in the Plan or this Confirmation Order shall be construed as a determination that any offer, issuance, or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan satisfies any exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and similar state statutes.
- 13. <u>Restructuring Transactions</u>. The restructuring transactions contemplated by Section 6.9 of the Plan are approved, and the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, are authorized to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the relevant restructuring transactions as set forth in the Plan, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, and the Plan Support Agreement, and may take other actions on or after the Effective Date.

- continue the Pension Plan in accordance with, and subject to, its terms, ERISA, and the Internal Revenue Code, and shall preserve all of its rights thereunder. All proofs of Claim filed by PBGC conditioned upon the termination of the Pension Plan shall be deemed to be withdrawn as of the Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, PBGC's proof of claim number 2377 shall remain a valid Claim against the Debtor, but only to the extent that it asserts a Claim for flat and variable rate premiums due to PBGC, subject to the rights and defenses of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, under applicable law. After the Effective Date, subject to the Reorganized Debtor's rights, if any, under applicable non-bankruptcy law, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Reorganized Debtor shall continue to pay all retiree benefits, as that term is defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, at the level established pursuant to subsection (e)(1)(B) or (g) of section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, at any time prior to Confirmation, for the duration of the period the Debtor has obligated itself to provide such benefits.
- 15. Exemption from Certain Transfer Taxes and Recording Fees. Pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers of property pursuant to the Plan, including without limitation the Exit Financing Documents, or any transfers of property made in connection therewith (whether such transfers are made by the Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, an administrative agent under the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents, the New Notes Trustees, or other Person) shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, stamp act, real estate transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing or recording fee, regulatory filing or recording fee, or other similar tax or governmental assessment to the fullest extent contemplated by section

1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and upon entry of this Confirmation Order, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents shall forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and to accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax or governmental assessment. The Bankruptcy Court shall retain specific jurisdiction with respect to these matters.

16. GUC Trust LME Pricing Claims. In connection with the LME Pricing Claims, any applicable privilege of the Debtor, the Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Creditors' Committee, including but not limited to any attorney-client privilege or work-product protection attaching to any documents or communications (whether written or oral) associated with the LME Pricing Claims, and all defenses, claims, counterclaims and rights of setoff or recoupment shall vest in the GUC Trust and may be asserted by the GUC Trust Trustee. The Reorganized Debtor's providing of any privileged information to the GUC Trust Trustee, the GUC Trust, or any party or person associated with the GUC Trust, such privileged information in connection with the investigation and/or prosecution of the LME Pricing Claims shall not constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege in recognition of the joint and/or successorship interest in prosecuting the LME Pricing Claims on behalf of the Estate and such material shall remain privileged. The GUC Trust Trustee's receipt of such information shall not waive, modify, or affect such privileges and all such privileges are preserved. The GUC Trust Trustee and the Creditors' Committee are prohibited from making any assignment or transfer to a third party of any such privileges or information protected by such privileges that is received from the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor. Except with respect to Article 7.4 of the Plan, the GUC Trust shall have no right to waive the attorney-client privilege, work product or other protection of any information received from the Reorganized Debtor.

Settlement with Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group

- 17. Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group Settlement. The Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet and the terms thereof as set forth in the Plan are hereby approved pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 as a fair, equitable, prudent, and reasonable compromise of the controversies and Claims resolved by the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, are in the best interest of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor and their estates and creditors, including, without limitation all Holders of Class F Vernon Tort Claims, are binding upon all Persons affected thereby, and shall be effectuated in accordance with the terms thereof.
- Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet are hereby approved pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019(a). The Plan, as modified by the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, satisfies the requirements of sections 1122 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. The modifications to the Plan as set forth in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet do not adversely change the treatment of the Claim of any creditor or the Interest of any equity security holder who has not accepted in writing the modifications. All creditors and equity security holders who had previously voted to accept the Plan shall be deemed to accept the modifications to the Plan as set forth in the Ad Hoc Group Settlement.
- 19. Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group's Change of Vote to Accept the Plan. For cause shown, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), the Vernon Tort Claims Settlement Parties who voted to reject the Plan are permitted to change their votes to accept the Plan and are hereby deemed to have voted to accept the Plan.
- 20. <u>Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement and Vernon Tort Claims Trustee.</u>

 The Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to submit to the Court within fourteen (14) days after entry of this Confirmation Order for its

review and approval its proposed form of trust agreement with respect to the Vernon Tort Claims

Trust and its proposed trustee of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust. Pursuant to sections 105(a) and

1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction with respect to the

review and approval of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement and the Vernon Tort Claims

Trustee as set forth herein, and thereafter shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the Vernon Tort

Claims Trust and all matters arising in connection therewith to the extent set forth in the Vernon

Tort Claims Trust Agreement.

Reservations of Rights

- 21. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, nothing in the Plan or Confirmation Order relieves any person or entity from complying with any and all applicable federal securities laws except to the extent contemplated by Section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 22. Nothing in this Confirmation Order or the Plan shall impair or adversely affect the Defendant's obligations under that certain Consent Decree, lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on March 16, 2015, as between the Debtor, the United States of America on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Indiana on behalf of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (the "Consent Decree"); the obligations under the Consent Decree, to the extent it becomes effective pursuant to its terms, shall survive Confirmation and be fully enforceable against the Reorganized Debtor, which shall comply with such obligations.
- 23. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Plan, this

 Confirmation Order, and any implementing Plan documents, to the extent any Allowed Priority

 Tax Claims held by the Internal Revenue Service or the State of Michigan, Department of

Treasury (including any penalties, interest or additions to tax entitled to priority under the Bankruptcy Code), if any, are not paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, such Allowed Priority Tax Claims held by the Internal Revenue Service or the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury shall accrue interest commencing on the Effective Date in accordance with section 511 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- Other Secured Claim that is a tax Claim or an Allowed Priority Tax Claim that is not the subject of a bona fide dispute and that is not cured within 90 days after service of written notice of default by the taxing authority, such taxing authority may exercise any and all rights and remedies available under applicable non-bankruptcy law and seek appropriate relief in the Bankruptcy Court.
- Department of Energy ("DOE") identified by the award number DE-EE0002618 (the "Assistance Agreement"). Certain equipment, supplies and fixtures to real property were acquired or developed by the Debtor using, in whole or in part, funds reimbursed or reimbursable under the Assistance Agreement (the "Funded Property"), including equipment and other property commonly referred to by the Debtor as the "Edge Equipment" and the "Vortex Equipment." The Funded Property is subject to the DOE's interests under federal law, including without limitation its interests as described in (a) 10 C.F.R. §§ 600.321 and 600.325, and (b) as applicable, patent rights provision included in the Assistance Agreement pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 784 (collectively, the "DOE Interests"). The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor and the DOE reserve their rights with respect to the DOE Interests, including (1) the extent to which the DOE Interests or the Funded Property are included in the estate, (2) the extent to which the Plan, this

Confirmation Order, or documents implementing the same discharge, release, or otherwise terminate the DOE Interests, and (3) whether the DOE Interests are otherwise affected by the Plan, this Confirmation Order or documents implementing same. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor shall provide the DOE with at least 21 days' notice of any sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Funded Property at: Leah V. Lerman, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, P.O. Box 875, Washington, DC 20044; leah.v.lerman@usdoj.gov; and R. Paul Detwiler, Esq., National Energy Technology Laboratory, paul.detwiler@netl.doe.gov. The Bankruptcy Court will retain jurisdiction over this issue after Confirmation.

- Confirmation Order, and any implementing Plan documents, any contracts, leases, agreements or other interests thereunder of the General Services Administration, the Department of Defense and the United States Postal Service assumed pursuant to Article IX of the Plan or entered into by the Debtor after the Petition Date (collectively, the "Federal Agreements") shall be treated, determined, administered and paid in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Case was never filed and the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor shall comply with applicable non-bankruptcy law. Moreover, without limiting the forgoing, nothing shall: (1) be interpreted to set cure amounts on such Federal Agreements or to require the government to novate or otherwise consent to the transfer of any of the Federal Agreements; (2) affect the government's rights to offset or recoup any amounts due under, or relating to, any of the Federal Agreements; or (3) divest any tribunal of any jurisdiction it may have to adjudicate any issues arising out of or with respect to matters involving the Federal Agreements.
- 27. In accordance with the terms of the 2014 Vernon Stipulation, Exide hereby expressly acknowledges the obligations and liabilities therein and under the 2002 Corrective

Action Consent Order, the Retention Pond Order, and the 2013 Stipulation and Order (in each case, as defined in the 2014 Vernon Stipulation). Except as otherwise provided in the 2014 Vernon Stipulation (as amended by the 2015 Amendment), nothing therein, in the Plan, or in this Confirmation Order shall be construed to preclude or prejudice the CDTSC from (a) taking further action under the law against Exide or the other Exide Parties (as defined in the 2014 Vernon Stipulation) with regard to any response action as a result of the release, or threatened release, of hazardous wastes, constituents of hazardous waste or hazardous substances, at or from the Vernon Facility, including, but not limited to, releases or threatened releases at or from the Containment Building or any portion thereof, or (b) seeking to impose penalties on Exide or the other Exide Parties based on post-petition violations by Exide of the HWCL or Title 22 related to facts and circumstances not known by the CDTSC on or before September 30, 2014, or violations occurring after September 30, 2014, and the CDTSC expressly reserves all such rights. Exide reserves all rights to challenge any such action in an appropriate California forum, except that Exide will not assert that such obligations were discharged through the Chapter 11 Case. Assuming occurrence of the Plan Effective Date, such liabilities and/or obligations (described above which include liabilities/and or obligations to address the release, or threatened release, of hazardous wastes, constituents of hazardous waste or hazardous substances, at, or that have migrated or emitted, from the Vernon Facility) to the CDTSC will not be discharged, impaired, or affected through the Chapter 11 Case or by Confirmation. Nothing in the Plan of Reorganization or this Confirmation Order shall impair or adversely affect Exide's obligations under the 2014 Vernon Stipulation (as amended by the 2015 Amendment), or the 2002 Corrective Action Consent Order, the Retention Pond Order, the 2013 Stipulation and Order (in each case, as defined in the 2014 Vernon Stipulation) and Exide shall comply with the

obligations under these orders, and the obligations pursuant to these orders shall survive Confirmation and be fully enforceable against Exide.

- agreements (collectively, the "EnerSys/Exide Agreements") by and between EnerSys Delaware Inc. ("EnerSys") and the Debtor or one or more of the Debtor's affiliates dated January 10, 1991, including the trademark license agreement entered into on that date, are not executory contracts, neither this Order nor any provision of the Plan shall (a) effect assumption or rejection of any of the EnerSys/Exide Agreements, (b) affect the rights of EnerSys to use the trademarks and tradenames licensed to EnerSys pursuant to the EnerSys/Exide Agreements and to exclude the Debtors and other parties from use of such tradenames and trademarks to the extent provided in the EnerSys/Exide Agreements, or (c) affect any other rights which EnerSys may have under the EnerSys/Exide Agreements except to the extent such other rights are Claims, provided, however, that the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, reserves the right to assert that any such rights are Claims.
- 29. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, Orders or in previously served Cure Notices: (a) all contracts entered into between the Debtor and Oracle and/or any Oracle affiliate, and those which are Oracle related that are listed on Oracle's Plan Objection filed at Docket No. 3248, and/or listed in the Cure Notices and Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan (the "Oracle Agreements") are scheduled for assumption, but are subject to both a Plan Rights Reservation and a Cure Objection; (b) Oracle reserves any and all rights to object to the proposed assumption and/or assumption and assignment on any basis including but not limited to: (i) asserting that the listed Oracle Agreements are incomplete, imprecise and/or must incorporate other contracts not currently listed on Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan in order to be assumed (the

"Disputed Contracts"); (ii) disputing the cure amount asserted by the Debtor with respect to any Oracle Agreements and/or the Disputed Contracts; and (iii) objecting to any proposed assignment contemplated by the Plan with respect to any of the Oracle Agreements or Disputed Contracts; (c) none of the Disputed Contracts shall be deemed rejected absent agreement between Oracle and the Debtor, or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), or upon further order of the Bankruptcy Court; and (d) none of the Oracle Agreements shall be assumed or assumed and assigned, absent agreement between Oracle and the Debtor, or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), or upon further order of the Court. Pursuant to Article 9.5(c) of the Plan, if the parties do not reach a consensual resolution of Oracle's Cure Objection, a hearing with respect to such objection shall be scheduled for an available hearing date following 21 days' written notice, via overnight delivery, to Oracle's counsel provided by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor(as applicable), or such other date as may be agreed upon, subject to further adjournment by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), or by Oracle, upon notice to the Court. Pursuant to Article 9.5(d) of the Plan, if the Cure Objection with respect to the Oracle Agreements and Disputed Contracts is not resolved by the Effective Date, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), may designate the Oracle Agreements for rejection at any time prior to the payment of the Cure. All rights of Oracle are reserved with respect to rejection of any of the Oracle Agreements or the Disputed Contracts, including to seek administrative payments.

30. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, the Plan, Plan Support Agreement, Plan Supplement, Plan Transaction Documents, or any other documents or agreements entered into in connection with the Plan or Exit Financing, (a) any rights or interests held by the Debtor (and following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor) in that certain lease dated February 1, 2010 between the Debtor and MIREF Fremont Distribution Center, LLC,

which was assumed by the Debtor on December 31, 2014 (as amended, the "Fremont Lease"), shall not be pledged, mortgaged, or hypothecated; and (b) any rights or interests held by the Debtor (and following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor) in that certain lease with respect to the Debtor's corporate headquarters located generally at 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Milton, Georgia 30004, between the Debtor and LBUBS 2006-C1 Norcross Offices Limited Partnership, which was assumed by the Debtor on December 30, 2013 (as amended, the "Milton Lease") shall not be pledged, mortgaged, or hypothecated. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or Order, (a) any rights to of setoff and/or recoupment against the Reorganized Debtor shall be permitted under the terms of the Fremont Lease and (b) any rights of setoff and/or recoupment against the Reorganized Debtor shall be permitted under the terms of the Milton Lease.

- 31. Notwithstanding any otherwise applicable injunction in the Plan or in the confirmation order, the South Coast Air Quality Management District shall be permitted to prosecute its lawsuit captioned *People of the State of California, ex rel. South Coast Air Quality Management District, a Public Entity v. Exide Technologies, Inc., and Does 1 through 50*, Case No. BC 533528 subject to, and in accordance with the terms of, that certain Stipulation approved by this Court by order entered March 6, 2014 [Docket No. 1510].
- 32. In accordance with a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") approved by this Court on September 22, 2014 [Docket No. 2314], all previously filed claims by Pacific Chloride, Inc., for itself and/or on behalf of its affiliates, including but not limited to Ansell Healthcare Products LLC (collectively, "PCI") were amended and superseded by the Proof of Claim No. 3971 (the "Amended PCI Claim"). The Debtor, PCI and all parties' rights are reserved with respect to the Amended PCI Claim other than with respect to the Fire Damage

Claim (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) and all claims relating to or arising from the Fire (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) which were released by the Settlement Agreement.

Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to be an adjudication, allowance or disallowance with respect to the Amended PCI Claim nor shall this Order act as a bar of recovery under any applicable insurance policy.

33. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation Order, the Plan, Plan Support Agreement, Plan Supplement, Plan Transaction Documents, or any other documents or agreement entered into in connection with the Plan or Exit Financing: (i) the Frisco Parties (as defined in the MSA, which is defined below) have reserved any setoff rights they may have, subject to the rights, claims, and defenses of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, under applicable law; and (ii) the Frisco Parties have reserved any rights they may have under section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Claim for reimbursement or contribution, subject to the rights, claims, and defenses of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, under applicable law. Additionally, in the event the Debtor assumes that certain Master Settlement Agreement entered into by the Debtor and the Frisco Parties and dated June 6, 2012 (the "MSA"), the Debtor shall perform under the MSA consistent with the terms thereof. Moreover, and for the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Confirmation Order, the Plan, Plan Support Agreement, Plan Supplement, Plan Transaction Documents, or any other documents or agreements entered into in connection with the Plan or Exit Financing, neither the Frisco Parties nor Exide shall assign, transfer, or mortgage its respective interests in the MSA; provided, however, nothing shall prevent Exide from assigning, transferring, or mortgaging its interest in the MSA to the Reorganized Debtor (but no assignee or designee thereof).

Unexpired Leases and Executory Contracts

- 34. <u>Rejection and Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases</u>.

 The Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease provisions of Article IX are approved.
- Automatic Rejection. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, (a) each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed automatically rejected pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code as of the Effective Date, unless any such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease: (a) is listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" contained in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan; (b) has been previously assumed by the Debtor by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or has been assumed by the Debtor by order of the Bankruptcy Court as of the Effective Date, which order becomes a Final Order after the Effective Date; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume or reject pending as of the Effective Date; (d) is an Executory Contract related to any Intercompany Claim; or (e) is otherwise assumed pursuant to the terms of the Plan. This Confirmation Order constitutes an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving such rejections pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code as of the Effective Date. Counterparties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that are deemed rejected as of the Effective Date shall have the right to assert any Claim on account of the rejection of such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, including under section 502(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Plan and this Confirmation Order.
- (b) <u>Claims Procedures Related to Rejection of Executory Contracts or</u>

 <u>Unexpired Leases</u>. Unless otherwise provided by a Bankruptcy Court order, any proofs of Claim asserting Claims arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases pursuant to the Plan or otherwise must be filed with the Claims and Solicitation Agent no later than 30 days after the later of the Effective Date or the effective date of rejection. Any proofs of

Claim arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that are not timely filed shall be disallowed automatically and forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion and shall not be enforceable against the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtor or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, notwithstanding anything in the Schedules or a proof of Claim to the contrary. All Allowed Claims arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases shall be classified as General Unsecured Claims.

- (c) Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Subject to paragraph 20(e) below, on the Effective Date, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan shall be assumed, or assumed and assigned, as applicable, and shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the Reorganized Debtor or its assignee in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan or any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing or providing for its assumption or applicable federal law. Assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Cures, Claims or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption.
- (d) <u>Cure Procedures and Payments Related to Assumption of Executory</u>

 <u>Contracts and Unexpired Leases</u>. With respect to each of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired

Leases listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases," the Debtor shall have designated a proposed Cure in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and the assumption of such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be conditioned upon the disposition of all issues with respect to the Cure pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Plan, as applicable. Such Cure shall be satisfied by the Debtor or its assignee, if any, by payment of the Cure in Cash within 30 days following the occurrence of the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, or on such other terms as may be ordered by the Bankruptcy Court or agreed upon by the parties to the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Any provisions or terms of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to be assumed pursuant to the Plan that are, or may be, alleged to be in default, whether known or unknown, monetary or non-monetary, shall be satisfied solely by Cure, or by an agreed-upon waiver of Cure. If there is a dispute regarding such Cure or any other matter pertaining to assumption, other than the ability of the Reorganized Debtor or any assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, then payment of Cure shall occur as soon as reasonably practicable after entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute, approving such assumption (and, if applicable, assignment), or as may be agreed upon by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the counterparty to the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.

(e) For the avoidance of doubt, those Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases listed on Exhibit 9.1-2 of the Plan shall not be deemed assumed or assumed and assigned, absent agreement between the applicable counterparty and the Debtor, or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), or upon further order of the Court. Pursuant to Section 9.5(c)

of the Plan, if the applicable parties do not reach a consensual resolution of the Cure, then a hearing with respect to such Cure shall be scheduled for an available hearing date following 21 days' notice, to the applicable counterparty provided by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), or such other date as may be agreed upon, subject to further adjournment by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable) upon notice to the Court. Pursuant to Section 9.5(d) of the Plan, if the Cure dispute with respect to Executory Contracts and/or Unexpired Leases listed on Exhibit 9.1-2 of the Plan is not resolved by the Effective Date, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor (as applicable), may designate any such contract for rejection at any time prior to the payment of the Cure. The rights of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, are reserved either to reject or nullify the assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease after a Final Order determining the Cure to assume such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is made. Any such rejection shall be deemed to be as of the Effective Date, and the counterparty to such rejected Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall have the right to assert any Claim on account of such rejection in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Plan.

35. Assumption of the MSA. In the event the Debtor and the Frisco Parties do not, prior to the Effective Date, amend the MSA, or otherwise agree upon terms to address and resolve, among other things, the parties' claims and disagreements under the MSA and/or otherwise, upon occurrence of the Effective Date, the MSA (or, in the case the Debtor and the Frisco Parties do amend the MSA prior to the Effective Date, the MSA, as amended) shall be assumed and shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the Reorganized Debtor in accordance with its terms, and this Order shall serve as an order (i) authorizing and confirming such assumption under 11 U.S.C. § 365 upon the occurrence of the Effective Date (and the Debtor shall not, and

shall not be authorized to, reject the MSA prior to the occurrence of the Effective Date or thereafter) and (ii) finding that the Debtor has provided adequate assurance of future performance regarding the MSA as contemplated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(b)(1)(C); provided, however, that the Debtor reserves fully its rights, claims, and defenses to contest and otherwise challenge any cure claims that may be asserted by the Frisco Parties, it being understood and agreed to by the parties that the extent of cure claims that may be asserted by the Frisco Parties, subject to any and all rights, claims, and defenses of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, are the following: (i) defaults, if any, arising from unperformed obligations, if any, under the MSA must be performed by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, in accordance with the MSA regardless of the cost thereof and (ii) alleged unauthorized draws and/or use by Exide of escrowed funds in the approximate amount of \$1.3 million that were to have been used to pay for costs associated with the wind-down and closure of the Exide Operations (as such term is defined in the MSA). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Effective Date does not occur, the parties reserve all their rights, including the Debtor's right to reject the MSA.

Bar Dates and Other Deadlines

- 36. The bar dates, deadlines and claims procedures set forth in this Confirmation Order and in Articles IX and XV of the Plan are hereby approved, including but not limited to the following:
- (a) <u>Claims Bar Dates for Administrative Claims</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Plan and as set forth in Articles 2.2 or 2.3 of the Plan, all requests for payment of an Administrative Claim must be filed, in substantially the form of the Administrative Claim Request Form contained in Exhibit 2.1 of the Plan, with the Claims Agent

and served on counsel for the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor no later than the Administrative Claims Bar Date. Any request for payment of an Administrative Claim pursuant to Article 2.1 of the Plan that is not timely filed and served shall be Disallowed automatically without the need for any objection from the Reorganized Debtor. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in the Plan, all fees and expenses authorized to be paid pursuant to paragraph 15 of the DIP Facility Order and under the Backstop Commitment Agreement are not subject to the Administrative Claims Bar Date, and the Debtor is hereby authorized and directed to pay all such amounts in full in Cash to the extent such fees and expenses have not already been paid, without the need for the filing of any Administrative Claim Request Form.

General Unsecured Claims Trust

- 37. The General Unsecured Claims Trust. The formation, rights, powers, duties, structure, obligations, and other matters pertaining to the GUC Trust shall be governed by Article VII of the Plan and the GUC Trust Agreement (which such agreement shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 7.1 to the Plan and is hereby approved).
- 38. Furthermore, the provisions of Article VII of the Plan are incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, are found to be fair and reasonable, and are hereby approved in their entirety.
- 39. <u>Transfer of GUC Trust Assets</u>. On the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the GUC Trust Assets shall be transferred by the Debtor (and deemed transferred) to the GUC Trust free and clear of all Claims, Liens, charges, encumbrances, rights, and interests, without the need for any Entity to take any further action or obtain any approval and the GUC Trust shall be authorized as the representative of the Estate to

investigate, sue, settle, and otherwise administer the GUC Trust in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Agreement.

Vernon Tort Claims Trust

- structure, obligations, and other matters pertaining to the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall be governed by Article VIII of the Plan and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, attached as Exhibit 8.1 to the Plan, which is hereby approved. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan or this Confirmation Order and the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet shall govern in all respects, and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement shall reflect the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet and the Plan; provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, if XL does not release the collateral from which the Debtor will fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, shall be authorized to contribute Cash to fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust.
- 41. Furthermore, the provisions of Article VIII of the Plan are incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, are found to be fair and reasonable, and are hereby approved in their entirety.
- 42. <u>Transfer of Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets</u>. The Vernon Tort Claims

 Trust Assets shall be formed and initially funded promptly upon the later of the Bankruptcy

 Court's approval of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust or the Effective Date. Pursuant to section

 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets shall be transferred by

 the Debtor (and deemed transferred) to the Vernon Tort Claims Trust free and clear of all Claims,

Liens, charges, encumbrances, rights, and interests, without the need for any Entity to take any further action or obtain any approval and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall be authorized to administer the Claims of Vernon Tort Claimants in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.

Settlements, Discharge of the Debtor, Releases, and Injunctions

- 43. <u>Plan Settlements</u>. The Plan Settlements and the respective terms thereof as set forth in the Plan are hereby approved pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 as fair, equitable, prudent, and reasonable compromises of the controversies and Claims resolved by the Plan Settlements, are in the best interest of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor and their estates and creditors, are binding upon all Persons affected thereby, and shall be effectuated in accordance with the terms thereof.
- 44. <u>Discharge of Debtor</u>. Article 12.2 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is effective and binding subject to the terms thereof.
- 45. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Plan or in this Confirmation Order shall affect the applicability, if any, of section 1141(d)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 46. <u>Discharge of Liabilities Related to Vernon Tort Claims</u>. Article 12.3 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is hereby approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is effective and binding subject to the terms thereof.
- 47. <u>Discharge of Liabilities Related to General Unsecured Claims and the Subordinated Notes Claims</u>. Article 12.4 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation

Order as if set forth in full herein, is hereby approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is effective and binding subject to the terms thereof.

- 48. Release by Debtor. Article 12.6 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby approved in its entirety, is so ordered, and shall be immediately effective and binding upon the Effective Date of the Plan without further action or notice by this Court, any of the parties to such release, or any other party.
- 49. Release by Holders of Claims and Interests. Article 12.7 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby approved in its entirety, is so ordered, and shall be immediately effective and binding upon the Effective Date of the Plan without further action or notice by this Court, any of the parties to such release, or any other party.
- 50. Nothing in the Plan, this Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code (and section 1141 thereof) discharges, releases, resolves, exculpates, precludes or enjoins: (i) any environmental liability to an Environmental Governmental Unit that is not a Claim; (ii) any environmental Claim of an Environmental Governmental Unit arising on or after the Effective Date; (iii) any environmental liability to any Environmental Governmental Unit on the part of any entity as the owner or operator of property after the Effective Date; or (iv) any liability to an Environmental Governmental Unit on the part of any Entity other than the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor. Nothing in the Plan divests any tribunal of any jurisdiction it may have under environmental law to interpret the Plan. The Debtor will continue to maintain financial assurances as required by applicable environmental law.

- 51. Nothing in the Debtor's bankruptcy proceedings, this Confirmation Order, the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code (and section 1141 thereof), or any other document filed in the Debtor's bankruptcy case shall in any way be construed to discharge, release, limit, or relieve any party (except the Debtor and the Estate, in which case the sole recourse available to PBGC and the Pension Plan shall be limited to the provisions of the Plan and Confirmation Order), in any capacity, from any liability or responsibility for fiduciary breach related to the Pension Plan.

 PBGC and the Pension Plan shall not be enjoined or precluded from enforcing such liability or responsibility by any of the provisions of the Plan, this Confirmation Order, the Bankruptcy Code, or any other document filed in the Debtor's bankruptcy case. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, retains any and all rights that it has under applicable law with respect to the Pension Plan.
- this Confirmation Order shall (i) discharge or release the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor from any liability, right or interest held or assertable by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that is not a "claim" within the meaning of section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code or that is otherwise beyond the scope of the discharge provided in section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) release any non-debtor person or entity from any Claim or cause of action of the SEC; or (iii) enjoin, limit, impair or delay the SEC from commencing or continuing any Claims, causes of action, proceedings or investigations against any non-debtor parties or entities in any forum; provided, however, that the foregoing sentence shall not limit the scope of discharge granted to the Debtor under sections 524 and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 53. <u>Environmental Claims</u>. Article 12.8 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby

approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is, effective and binding subject to the terms thereof.

- 54. <u>Exculpation and Limitation of Liability</u>. Article 12.9 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is, effective and binding subject to the terms thereof.
- 55. <u>Injunctions</u>. Article 12.11 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is, effective and binding subject to the terms thereof.
- Subordination Rights. Article 12.12 of the Plan is incorporated into this Confirmation Order as if set forth in full herein, is found to be fair and reasonable, is hereby approved in its entirety, and shall be, and hereby is, effective and binding subject to the terms thereof. Except as provided in the Plan with respect to the distributions to those Class A2 Holders of Senior Notes Claims who voted against the Plan, distributions under the Plan to Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims shall be received and retained free from any obligations to hold or transfer the same to any creditor, and shall not be subject to levy, garnishment, attachment or other legal process by any Holder by reason of claimed contractual subordination rights. Such subordination rights shall be waived in accordance with the Plan and this Order shall constitute an injunction enjoining any Person (other than those Class A2 Holders of Senior Notes Claims who voted against the Plan) from enforcing or attempting to enforce any contractual, legal or equitable subordination rights to distributions under the Plan to Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims.

57. Release of Liens. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, including the Exit Financing Documents or any other document executed in connection therewith. on the Effective Date, all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estate shall be fully released, and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any Holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Reorganized Debtor and its successors and assigns. Without limiting the forgoing, to the extent that any Holder of a Secured Claim that has been satisfied or discharged pursuant to the Plan, or any agent for such Holder, has filed or recorded any Liens and/or security interests to secure such Holder's Secured Claim, then as soon as practicable on or after the Effective Date, such Holder (or the agent for such Holder) shall take any and all steps requested by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, any administrative agent under the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Documents, or the New Notes Trustees that are necessary to cancel and/or extinguish such Liens and/or security interests. To the extent that the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee or other Servicer has filed or recorded publicly any Liens and/or security interests or obtained a pledge of assets (whether under domestic or foreign law) to secure the Debtor's obligations under the Senior Notes or otherwise, the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee or such other Servicer, as the case may be, shall take any commercially reasonable steps requested by the Debtor or other authorized representative, at the expense of the Debtor, that are necessary to cancel and /to extinguish such publicly-filed Liens and/or security interests, or release such pledge (whether under domestic or foreign law). The Debtor or other authorized representative is authorized to and may issue, execute, deliver, file or record a power of attorney or any other instrument necessary or appropriate to effectuate and implement the release of such Liens and/or

security interests, or release of such pledge (whether under domestic or foreign law) as is necessary to effectuate and implement the Plan and this Order.

Notice and Other Provisions

58. Notice of Confirmation Order and Occurrence of Effective Date. On or before the tenth (10th) day following the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Debtor shall serve notice of entry of this Confirmation Order and occurrence of the Effective Date pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2002(f)(7), 2002(k), and 3020(c), on (a) known Holders of Claims and Interests, (b) parties that requested notice in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2002, and (c) all other parties included in the Debtor's creditor and notice party matrix, by causing a notice of this Confirmation Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date in substantially the form of the notice annexed hereto as Exhibit B (the "Notice of Effective Date"), which form is hereby approved, to be delivered to such parties by first class mail, postage prepaid. The Notice of Effective Date shall also be published in (a) The Wall Street Journal (National Edition), (b) the New York Times (National Edition), (c) the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, (d) the Los Angeles Times, (e) the Vernon Sun, (d) La Opinión (in Spanish), and (e) the West Covina Highlander. Notice need not be given or served under the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or this Confirmation Order to any Entity to whom the Debtor mailed a notice of the Bar Date or Confirmation Hearing, but received such notice returned marked "undeliverable as addressed," "moved - left no forwarding address," "forwarding order expired," or similar reason, unless the Debtor has been informed in writing by such Person of that Person's new address. The notice described herein is adequate and appropriate under the particular circumstances of the Chapter 11 Case, and no other or further notice is necessary.

- 59. <u>Authorization to Consummate</u>. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 3020(e), but subject to Article XIII of the Plan, the Debtor is authorized to consummate the Plan upon or any time after entry of this Confirmation Order.
- 60. Plan Modifications. Subject to certain restrictions and requirements set forth in section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019 and those restrictions on modifications set forth in the Plan, the Debtor expressly reserves its right to revoke or withdraw, alter, amend, or modify materially the Plan and the Plan Supplement one or more times after Confirmation, and to the extent necessary, may, with the consent of the Required Consenting Creditors, the Requisite Backstop Parties, and the Creditors' Committee (solely to the extent it affects the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement), not to unreasonably be withheld, institute proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court to remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or this Confirmation Order, and such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effects of the Plan and this Confirmation Order.
- 61. Failure to Consummate Plan and Substantial Consummation. If the Effective Date does not occur, then the Plan, any settlement or compromise embodied in the Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount certain any Claim or Class of Claims), the assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases effected by the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan, shall be null and void. In such event, nothing contained in the Plan or this Confirmation Order, and no acts taken in preparation for consummation of the Plan, shall, or shall be deemed to, (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against or Interests in the Debtor or any other Person, (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor or any Person in any further proceedings involving the Debtor, (c)

constitute an admission of any sort by the Debtor or any other Person, or (d) be construed as a finding of fact or conclusion of law with respect thereto.

- 62. <u>References to Plan Provisions</u>. The failure to include or specifically reference any particular provision of the Plan in this Confirmation Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Plan be confirmed in its entirety.
- 63. Exhibits. Each reference to a document, agreement or summary description that is in the form attached as an Exhibit to the Plan in this Confirmation Order, in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, or in the Plan shall be deemed to be a reference to such document, agreement or summary description in substantially the form of the latest version of such document, agreement or summary description filed with the Court (whether filed as an attachment to the Plan or filed separately).
- 64. <u>Plan and Confirmation Order Mutually Dependent</u>. The provisions of this Confirmation Order and the provisions of the Plan are hereby deemed nonseverable and mutually dependent.
- or this Confirmation Order, it is hereby ordered that this Confirmation Order shall supersede any orders of this Court issued prior to the Confirmation Date that may be inconsistent with this Confirmation Order. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein is intended to supersede the DIP Facility Order.
- 66. <u>Conflicts Between Confirmation Order and Plan</u>. The provisions of the Plan and of this Confirmation Order shall be construed in a manner consistent with each other so as to effect the purposes of each; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if there is determined to be any

inconsistency between any Plan provision and any provision of this Confirmation Order that cannot be so reconciled, then, solely to the extent of such inconsistency, the provisions of this Confirmation Order shall control.

Bankruptcy Code, and notwithstanding the entry of this Confirmation Order or the occurrence of the Effective Date, this Court, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or herein, shall retain jurisdiction over all matters arising out of, and related to, the Chapter 11 Cases and the Plan to the fullest extent permitted by law, including, but not limited to, the matters set forth in Article XIV of the Plan. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or this Confirmation Order, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction, but not exclusive jurisdiction, to determine whether environmental Claims brought by governmental units against the Reorganized Debtor are barred by the Plan and Section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code.

68. Final Order and Waiver of Stay, Lodgment of Confirmation Order. This Confirmation Order is a final order. The provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 62(a) and Bankruptcy Rules 7062 and 3020(e) shall not apply to this Confirmation Order, and the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor are authorized to consummate the Plan at any time. Lodgment of this Confirmation Order is hereby waived.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware March 21, 2015

Honorable Kevin J. Carey

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDG

EXHIBIT A

FOURTH AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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For the avoidance of doubt, the GUC Trust Causes of Action to be included in this Exhibit 7.3 are those causes of action identified in Article 1.106 of this Plan, and include the GUC Trust Preference Actions, the LME Pricing Claims, and any other actions agreed to among the Debtor, the Creditors' Committee and the Unofficial Noteholder Committee.

INTRODUCTION

Exide, the debtor and debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned Chapter 11 Case, hereby proposes this fourth amended plan of reorganization for the resolution of the outstanding Claims and Interests. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in <u>Article I.B</u> of this Plan. The Debtor is the proponent of this Plan within the meaning of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. The distributions to be made to Holders of Claims are set forth herein. The Debtor's subsidiaries are not subject to the Chapter 11 Case.

Under section 1125(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, a vote to accept or reject this Plan cannot be solicited from a Holder of a Claim or Interest until a disclosure statement has been approved by the Bankruptcy Court and distributed to Holders of Claims and Interests. The Disclosure Statement relating to this Plan was approved by the Bankruptcy Court on February 4, 2015 and has been distributed simultaneously with this Plan to all parties whose votes are being solicited. The Disclosure Statement contains, among other things, a discussion of the Debtor's history, business, properties and operations, risk factors associated with the business and Plan, a summary and analysis of this Plan, and certain related matters.

ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE PLAN AND THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THIS PLAN.

Subject to the restrictions and requirements set forth in section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019 and those restrictions on modifications set forth in Article XV of this Plan, the Debtor expressly reserves its rights to alter, amend, modify, revoke, or withdraw this Plan, one or more times, prior to this Plan's substantial consummation.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS, RULES OF INTERPRETATION, AND COMPUTATION OF TIME

A. Scope of Definitions

For purposes of this Plan, except as expressly provided otherwise or unless the context requires otherwise, all capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in <u>Article I.B</u> of this Plan. Any term used in this Plan that is not defined herein, but is defined in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules.

B. Definitions

1.1 "2002 Bankruptcy Case" means those certain chapter 11 cases, jointly administered, and styled In re Exide Technologies, et al., Case No. 02-1125 (KJC), filed on April 15, 2002 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

- 1.2 "2014 Vernon Stipulation" means that certain stipulation and order between the CDTSC and the Debtor, approved by the Bankruptcy Court on November 20, 2014 and effective November 21, 2014, as stipulated and ordered by the CDTSC on such date (a copy of which can be found attached to the Bankruptcy Court's order at Docket No. 2651).
- GUC Trust Assets, other than GUC Trust Preference Actions, distributable to Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims no more than the difference between (a) what the Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims would be entitled to receive under this Plan on account of their Senior Notes Deficiency Claims if net recoveries from GUC Trust Assets were distributed Pro Rata based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D, and Allowed Class E Claims without regard to the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement and the allocation and distribution formulas included therein with respect to such other GUC Trust Assets and (b) what the Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims are entitled to receive under this Plan on account of their Senior Notes Deficiency Claims from such GUC Trust Assets subject to the allocation and distribution formulas included in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement; provided, however, that the Additional Distribution, together with the Preference Proceeds Distribution, shall not exceed the amount needed to enable Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims to receive on account of their Senior Notes Deficiency Claims what such Holders would have received in (a) of this definition.
- 1.4 "Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group" means the ad hoc group of certain Holders of Vernon Tort Claims represented by Brown Rudnick LLP.
- expense of a kind specified in section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and entitled to priority pursuant to section 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, but not limited to, the actual, necessary costs and expenses, incurred on or after the Petition Date, of preserving the Estate and operating the business of the Debtor, including wages, salaries, or commissions for services rendered after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case, section 503(b)(9) Claims, Professional Claims, and all fees and charges assessed against the Estate under chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code, and all Allowed Claims that are entitled to be treated as Administrative Claims pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court under section 546(c)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.6 "Administrative Claims Bar Date" means the deadline for filing proofs of or requests for payment of Administrative Claims, which shall be 30 days after the Effective Date, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, and except with respect to DIP Facility Claims and Professional Claims, which shall be subject to the provisions of <u>Articles 2.2</u> and <u>2.3</u> hereof, as applicable.
- 1.7 "Affiliates" has the meaning ascribed to such term by section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.8 "Allowed" means, for distribution purposes, a Claim or Interest, or any portion thereof, or a particular Class of Claims or Interests (a) that has been allowed by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court (or such other court as the Reorganized Debtor and the Holder of

such Claim or Interest agree may adjudicate such Claim or Interest and objections thereto), (b) which is not the subject of a proof of Claim timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court and is Scheduled as liquidated and noncontingent, other than a Claim that is Scheduled at zero, in an unknown amount, or as disputed, but only to the extent such Claim is Scheduled as liquidated and noncontingent, (c) for which a proof of Claim in a liquidated amount has been timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or other applicable bankruptcy law, and as to which either (i) no objection to its allowance has been filed within the periods of limitation fixed by this Plan, the Bankruptcy Code or by any order of the Bankruptcy Court or (ii) any objection to its allowance has been settled or withdrawn, or has been denied by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, or (d) that is expressly allowed in a liquidated amount pursuant to this Plan. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(D), Governmental Units need not file a Claim to request payment of an administrative expense relating to taxes under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(B) or (C) as a condition of its being an allowed administrative expense.

- 1.9 "Annual Incentive Plan" means any annual incentive plan maintained by the Debtor in the ordinary course of business to provide incentive compensation to officers and employees based on the achievement of certain metrics, including that program that is the subject of the Annual Incentive Plan Order, and any other annual incentive plan still in effect as of the Effective Date.
- 1.10 "Alternative Distribution Cash" means Cash in the aggregate amount of \$500,000.
- 1.11 "Annual Incentive Plan Order" means, collectively, (a) the Final Order that was entered by the Bankruptcy Court on August 15, 2013, confirming the Debtor's authority to implement the Annual Incentive Plan, and (b) any and all orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and approving amendments or modifications to, or subsequent versions of, the Annual Incentive Plan or Annual Incentive Plan Order.
- 1.12 "Assumption and Rejection Procedures" means (a) the expedited procedures for the Debtor to assume or reject Executory Contracts pursuant to the Bankruptcy Court's order dated July 11, 2013 (Docket No. 333) and (b) the expedited procedures for the Debtor to assume or reject Unexpired Leases pursuant to the Bankruptcy Court's order dated November 13, 2013 (Docket No. 1079).
- 1.13 "Avoidance Actions" means any and all actual or potential claims and causes of action to avoid a transfer of property or an obligation incurred by the Debtor and its recovery, subordination, or other remedies that may be brought by and on behalf of the Debtor and its estate under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law, including actions or remedies under section 502, 510, 542, 544, 545, 547 through 553, and 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.14 "Backstop Commitment" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Backstop Commitment Agreement.

- 1.15 "Backstop Commitment Agreement" means the Backstop Commitment Agreement by and among Exide and the Backstop Parties that are party thereto, dated as of January 7, 2015, as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms therewith.
- 1.16 "Backstop Commitment Agreement Approval Order" means the Final Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court authorizing the Debtor's entry into and approving the terms of the Backstop Commitment Agreement.
- 1.17 "Backstop Parties" means those certain Consenting Creditors and other parties, other than the Debtor, that are party to the Backstop Commitment Agreement.
- 1.18 "Bankruptcy Code" means the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as amended and codified in title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532, as in effect on the date hereof but, with respect to amendments to the Bankruptcy Code subsequent to commencement of the Chapter 11 Case, only to the extent that such amendments were made expressly applicable to bankruptcy cases which were filed as of the enactment of such amendments.
- 1.19 "Bankruptcy Court" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware or such other court as may have jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Case.
- 1.20 "Bankruptcy Rules" means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Official Bankruptcy Forms, as amended, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, as applicable to the Chapter 11 Case or proceedings therein, and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, as applicable to the Chapter 11 Case or proceedings therein, as the case may be.
- 1.21 "Bar Date" means the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Bar Date Order or other Final Order for filing proofs of claim in the Chapter 11 Case, as the context may require, which was October 31, 2013, except for Governmental Units, for whom the Bar Date was December 9, 2013, and certain personal injury Claims related to the Vernon Facility, for whom the Bar Date was January 31, 2014.
- 1.22 "Bar Date Orders" means the orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court on September 13, 2013 (Docket No. 696) and October 24, 2013 (Docket No. 956), which established the Bar Date, and any subsequent order supplementing such orders or relating thereto.
- 1.23 "Business Day" means any day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and "legal holidays" (as defined in Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a)), on which commercial banks are open for business in New York City.
- 1.24 "Cash" means legal tender of the United States of America and equivalents thereof.
- 1.25 "Causes of Action" means any and all actions, claims, proceedings, causes of action, suits, accounts, demands, controversies, agreements, promises, rights to legal remedies, rights to equitable remedies, rights to payment and claims, whether known, unknown,

reduced to judgment, not reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured, and whether asserted or assertable directly or derivatively, in law, equity or otherwise, including actions brought prior to the Petition Date, actions under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, including any Avoidance Action, the LME Pricing Claims, and actions against any Entity for failure to pay for products or services provided or rendered by the Debtor, all claims, suits or proceedings relating to enforcement of the Debtor's intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights and trademarks, and all claims or causes of action seeking recovery of the Debtor's or the Reorganized Debtor's accounts receivable or other receivables or rights to payment created or arising in the ordinary course of the Debtor's or the Reorganized Debtor's businesses, based in whole or in part upon any act or omission or other event occurring prior to the Petition Date or during the course of the Chapter 11 Cases, including through the Effective Date.

- 1.26 "CDTSC" means the State of California Department of Toxic Substance Control.
- 1.27 "Charging Lien" means any lien or other priority in payment to which the Indenture Trustees are entitled under the applicable Indentures.
 - 1.28 "Certificate" means any instrument evidencing a Claim or an Interest.
- 1.29 "Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws" means the amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Reorganized Debtor substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 6.12.
- 1.30 "Chapter 11 Case" means the chapter 11 case of the Debtor pending in the Bankruptcy Court and being administered under Case No. 13-11482 (KJC).
- 1.31 "Claim" means a claim against the Debtor, whether or not asserted, as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, or an Administrative Claim, as applicable.
- 1.32 "Claims and Solicitation Agent" means GCG, Inc., 5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A, Dublin, OH 43017, Attention: Exide Case Administration.
- 1.33 "Claims Objection Deadline" means, as applicable (except for Administrative Claims), (a) the day that is the later of (i) the first Business Day that is at least one (1) year after the Effective Date and (ii) as to proofs of claim filed after the Bar Date, the first Business Day that is at least 180 days after a Final Order is entered deeming the late filed claim timely filed or (b) such later date as may be established by the Bankruptcy Court upon request of the Reorganized Debtor without further notice to parties-in-interest.
- 1.34 "Class" means a category of Holders of Claims or Interests classified together pursuant to sections 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, as described in Article III of this Plan.
- 1.35 "Collective Bargaining Agreement" means any collective bargaining agreement to which the Debtor is a party as of the Effective Date.

- 1.36 "Confirmation" means the entry, within the meaning of Bankruptcy Rules 5003 and 9012, of the Confirmation Order, subject to all conditions specified having been satisfied or waived.
 - 1.37 "Confirmation Date" means the date on which Confirmation occurs.
- 1.38 "Confirmation Hearing" means the hearing before the Bankruptcy Court held under section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code to consider confirmation of the Plan and related matters as such hearing may be adjourned or continued from time to time.
- 1.39 "Confirmation Order" means the order of the Bankruptcy Court confirming this Plan under section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, which order shall be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Creditors and the Requisite Backstop Parties.
- 1.40 "Consenting Creditors" means those Holders of Senior Notes Claims that are party to the Plan Support Agreement.
- 1.41 "Creditors' Committee" means the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed pursuant to section 1102(a) of the Bankruptcy Code in the Chapter 11 Case on June 18, 2013, as may be reconstituted from time to time.
- 1.42 "Creditors' Committee Amended Lien Challenge Complaint" means that certain complaint filed by the Creditors' Committee in the adversary proceeding (Adv. Proc. No. 14-50972) commenced by the Creditors' Committee against Wells Fargo, as Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, a copy of which can be found at Docket No. 2659.
- 1.43 "Creditor" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 101(10) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- be paid or honored in connection with assumption of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, including (a) the cure of any non-monetary defaults to the extent required, if at all, pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) with respect to monetary defaults, the distribution, within a reasonable period of time following the Effective Date, of Cash, or such other property as may be agreed upon by the parties or ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, with respect to the assumption (or assumption and assignment) of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, pursuant to section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in an amount equal to all unpaid monetary obligations or such other amount as may be agreed upon by the parties, under such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, to the extent such obligations are enforceable under the Bankruptcy Code and applicable non-bankruptcy law.
- 1.45 "Cure Notice" means the notice of proposed Cure amount provided to counterparties to assumed Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases pursuant to <u>Article 9.5</u> of the Plan.
- 1.46 "Cure Objection Deadline" means the deadline for filing objections to a Cure Notice or proposed Cure, which shall be on or before fourteen (14) days after the applicable counterparty was served with a Cure Notice.

- 1.47 "D&O Insurance" means insurance maintained by the Debtor which covers, among others, the directors and officers of the Debtor or any of them, including any runoff policies or tail coverage.
 - 1.48 "Debtor" means Exide.
- 1.49 "Debtor-Owned Sites" means any sites owned by the Debtor in fee simple as of the Effective Date.
- 1.50 "DIP ABL Claim" means any DIP Facility Claim arising on account of the revolving credit facility under the DIP Credit Agreement.
- 1.51 "DIP Agent" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as agent for the DIP Lenders pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreement.
- 1.52 "DIP Agent Claim" means any Claim for reasonable fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the DIP Agent during the Chapter 11 Case.
- 1.53 "DIP Credit Agreement" means that certain Amended and Restated Superpriority Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement, dated as of July 12, 2013, by and among the Debtor, the DIP Agent, and the DIP Lenders, which was executed by the Debtor in connection with the DIP Facility, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, and all documents executed in connection therewith.
- 1.54 "DIP Facility" means the debtor-in-possession secured financing facility, consisting of a revolving credit facility and a term loan facility, provided to the Debtor by the DIP Lenders pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreement as authorized by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the DIP Facility Order, as may be amended or modified from time to time.
- 1.55 "DIP Facility Claim" means any Claim arising under, derived from, based upon, or as a result of the DIP Facility, including, without limitation, any DIP ABL Claim, any DIP Term Loan Claim, any DIP Facility Other Claim, and any DIP Agent Claim.
- 1.56 "DIP Facility Order" means, collectively, (a) the interim order that was entered by the Bankruptcy Court on June 11, 2013 (Docket No. 79), (b) the final order that was entered by the Bankruptcy Court on July 25, 2013 (Docket No. 427), authorizing and approving the DIP Facility and the agreements related thereto, and (c) any and all orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and approving amendments or modifications to the DIP Credit Agreement or either of the orders described in the foregoing clauses (a) and (b).
- 1.57 "DIP Facility Other Claim" means any DIP Facility Claim that is not a DIP ABL Claim or a DIP Term Loan Claim.
- 1.58 "DIP/First Lien Exchange" means the exchange of \$246.8 million of DIP Term Loan Claims for \$259.1 million of New First Lien High Yield Notes, inclusive of an original issue discount of 5% for every \$100 of DIP Term Loan Claims exchanged into New First Lien High Yield Notes.

- 1.59 "DIP Lenders" means the banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time party to the DIP Credit Agreement as lenders and the Holders of DIP Facility Claims.
- 1.60 "DIP/Second Lien Conversion Backstop Fee" means the fee to be distributed to the Consenting Creditors that backstop the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option, which fee shall be 2.0% of the New Exide Common Stock issued on the Effective Date and after giving effect to dilution from the New Second Lien Convertible Notes.
- 1.61 "DIP/Second Lien Conversion Funding Fee" means the funding fee to be distributed to Holders of DIP Term Loan Claims who elect to participate in the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option, payable based on such Holders' pro rata participation, which fee shall be (a) New First Lien High Yield Notes in the aggregate amount of 5.0% of the DIP Term Loan Claims so exchanged and (b) 3.0% of the New Exide Common Stock issued on the Effective Date and after giving effect to dilution from the New Second Lien Convertible Notes.
- 1.62 "DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option" means the option of Holders of DIP Term Loan Claims, on the Effective Date, to exchange their Pro Rata portion of up to an aggregate of \$100 million of DIP Term Loan Claims for \$100 million of New Second Lien Convertible Notes plus the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Funding Fee; provided, the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option shall be backstopped by certain Consenting Creditors pursuant to Article 2.2(b)(ii)(3) of this Plan and the Plan Support Agreement to the extent there is a DIP/Second Lien Undersubscription.
- 1.63 "DIP/Second Lien Undersubscription" means the difference between (a) \$100 million and (b) that amount of DIP Term Loan Claims that Holders thereof, including Consenting Creditors, have elected to convert into the New Second Lien Convertible Notes pursuant to the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option.
- 1.64 "DIP Term Loan Claim" means any DIP Facility Claim arising on account of the term loan under the DIP Credit Agreement.
- 1.65 "DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option" means the option of Holders of Senior Notes Claims who are Eligible Holders, on a Pro Rata basis based on such Holders share of the aggregate amount of Senior Notes Claims held by Eligible Holders, to purchase for Cash up to the entire amount (the maximum total investment pursuant to such option being \$346.8 million) of the consideration that would otherwise be distributed to Holders of DIP Term Loan Claims pursuant to Article 2.2(b); provided, however, that any Holder of Senior Notes Claims that exercises such option shall be deemed to be a Consenting Creditor and shall participate in the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option and receive its Pro Rata share of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes pursuant to and in accordance with the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option.
- 1.66 "DIP Term Loan Refinancing Cash Pool" means the Cash proceeds of the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option.
- 1.67 "Disallowed" means (a) a Claim, or any portion thereof, that has been disallowed by a Final Order or a settlement, or as provided in this Plan, (b) a Claim or any

portion thereof that is Scheduled at zero or as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated and as to which a proof of claim bar date has been established but no proof of claim has been timely filed or deemed timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to either the Bankruptcy Code or any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise deemed timely filed under applicable law, or (c) a Claim or any portion thereof that is not Scheduled and as to which a proof of claim bar date has been established but no proof of claim has been timely filed or deemed timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to either the Bankruptcy Code or any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise deemed timely filed under applicable law.

- 1.68 "Disclosure Statement" means the written disclosure statement or any supplements thereto (including the Plan Supplement and all schedules thereto or referenced therein) that relates to this Plan, as such disclosure statement may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, all as approved by an order of the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to sections 1125 and 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3017.
- 1.69 "Disclosure Statement Order" means the Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement as containing, among other things, "adequate information" as required by section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code and solicitation procedures related thereto which order shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Creditors and Requisite Backstop Parties.
- 1.70 "Disputed" means with respect to a Claim, (a) any Claim as to which the Debtor or other parties-in-interest in accordance with applicable law have interposed an objection or request for estimation in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, or any Claim otherwise disputed by the Debtor, or other parties-in-interest in accordance with applicable law, which objection has not been withdrawn or determined by a Final Order, (b) any Claim scheduled by the Debtor as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed, (c) any Claim which amends a Claim scheduled by the Debtor as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed, or (d) any Claim prior to it having become an Allowed Claim.
- 1.71 "Distribution Agent" means the Reorganized Debtor, or any Entity selected by the Reorganized Debtor, in its sole discretion, to make or facilitate distributions pursuant to this Plan.
- 1.72 "Distribution Date" means the date selected by the Reorganized Debtor, in its sole discretion, upon which distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims entitled to receive distributions under this Plan shall commence.
- 1.73 "Distribution Record Date" means the date for determining which Holders of Allowed Claims are eligible to receive distributions under the Plan, which shall be (a) ten (10) Business Days after entry of the Confirmation Order or (b) such other date as designated by an order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 1.74 "DTC" means the Depository Trust Company, and its successors and assigns.
- 1.75 "Effective Date" means the date on which this Plan shall take effect, which date shall be a Business Day on or after the Confirmation Date on which: (a) no stay of

the Confirmation Order is in effect; and (b) all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Plan specified in <u>Article 13.1</u>, have been satisfied, or, if capable of being waived, waived, which date shall be specified in a notice filed by the Reorganized Debtor with the Bankruptcy Court.

- 1.76 "Eligible Holder" means the Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Claim, including the Backstop Parties and the Consenting Creditors, that are either (i) certified as an accredited investor as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3), or (7) under the Securities Act, which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall exclude any natural person, or (ii) a qualified institutional buyer as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act.
- 1.77 "Eligible Holder Certification" means the certification by a Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Claim in accordance with the solicitation procedures set forth in the Disclosure Statement Order and/or the Rights Offering Procedures, as applicable, indicating that such Holder is an Eligible Holder.
- 1.78 "Employee Compensation Plans" means the Annual Incentive Plan, the KEIP, and the MIP.
- 1.79 "Entity" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.80 "Environmental Governmental Units" means the United States; any State, Commonwealth or District in the United States; and any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States or any State, Commonwealth or District in the United States charged with enforcing environmental laws.
- 1.81 "Equity Security" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code.
 - **1.82** "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
- **1.83** "Estate" means the bankruptcy estate of the Debtor created pursuant to section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.84 "Event" means any event, development, occurrence, circumstance or change.
- 1.85 "Excluded DIP Obligations" means all of the Debtor's contingent or unliquidated obligations (including, without limitation, indemnification and expense reimbursement obligations) with respect to the DIP Facility (excluding, in each case, the DIP ABL Claims and the DIP Term Loan Claims), to the extent that any such obligations have not been paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date.
- 1.86 "Exculpated Claim" means any Claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of the Debtor's in or out of court restructuring, the Chapter 11 Case, formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the settlement of Claims or renegotiation of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, the negotiation of the Plan, the DIP Credit Agreement, the Rights Offering,

the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Plan Support Agreement (including the plan term sheet attached thereto), the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Financing, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Case, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of consummation of the Plan, the administration, consummation, and implementation of the Plan, the distribution of property under the Plan, or any transaction contemplated by the Plan or Disclosure Statement, or in furtherance thereof.

- 1.87 "Exculpated Parties" means, collectively, each of the following in their respective capacities as such: (a) the Debtor and its Affiliates, and each of their successors and assigns, (b) the Reorganized Debtor, (c) the Backstop Parties, (d) the Consenting Creditors, (e) the DIP Lenders, (f) the DIP Agent, (g) the Unsecured Creditors Committee and each of its members, and (h) the Unofficial Noteholder Committee and each of its members, (i) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, (j) the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, and with respect to each of the foregoing parties in clauses (a) through (j), such parties' subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, principals, members, managers, employees, agents, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other representatives and professionals.
- 1.88 "Executory Contract" means any contract to which the Debtor is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under sections 365 or 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.89 "Exhibit" means an exhibit annexed either to this Plan, contained in the Plan Supplement, or annexed as an appendix to the Disclosure Statement.
- 1.90 "Exide" means Exide Technologies, a Delaware corporation, debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned Case No. 13-11482 (KJC) pending in the Bankruptcy Court.
- 1.91 "Exit ABL Revolver Facility" means that certain first-out, first-lien, asset based revolving credit facility in the principal amount of \$200 million pursuant to a new credit facility, by and among the Reorganized Debtor, as borrower, and the Exit ABL Revolver Lenders, and all other documents entered into in connection therewith or contemplated thereby.
- 1.92 "Exit ABL Revolver Lenders" means a lender or syndication of lenders, which may include the DIP Lenders, reasonably acceptable to the Debtor and the Consenting Creditors, and each of the financial institutions from time to time party to the Exit ABL Revolver Facility.
- 1.93 "Exit Financing" means the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, the New First Lien High Yield Notes, and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes.
- 1.94 "Exit Financing Commitment Agreements" means the Backstop Commitment Agreement together with other commitment agreements regarding Exit Financing in accordance with this Plan.
- 1.95 "Face Amount" means, (a) when used in reference to a Disputed Claim or Disallowed Claim, the full stated liquidated amount claimed by the Holder of a Claim in any proof of Claim, or amendment thereof in accordance with applicable law, timely filed with the

Bankruptcy Court or otherwise deemed timely filed by any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or other applicable bankruptcy law, or the amount estimated for such Claim in an order of the Bankruptcy Court, and (b) when used in reference to an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, the allowed amount of such Claim or Interest. If none of the foregoing applies, the Face Amount of the Claim shall be zero (\$0) dollars.

- 1.96 "Final Decree" means a final decree entered by the Court closing the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3022.
- 1.97 "Final Order" means an order or judgment, the operation or effect of which has not been reversed, stayed, modified, or amended, is in full force and effect, and as to which order or judgment (or any reversal, stay, modification, or amendment thereof) (a) the time to appeal, seek certiorari, or request reargument or further review or rehearing has expired and no appeal, petition for certiorari, or request for reargument or further review or rehearing has been timely filed, or (b) any appeal that has been or may be taken or any petition for certiorari or request for reargument or further review or rehearing that has been or may be filed has been resolved by the highest court to which the order or judgment was appealed, from which certiorari was sought, or to which the request was made, and no further appeal or petition for certiorari or request for reargument or further review or rehearing has been or can be taken or granted; provided, however, that the possibility that a motion under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures, or any analogous rule under the Bankruptcy Rules, may be filed relating to such order shall not prevent such order from being a Final Order; provided, further, that the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, reserve the right to waive any appeal period for an order or judgment to become a Final Order.
- 1.98 "General Unsecured Claim" means any Claim that is not an Administrative Claim, DIP Facility Claim, Priority Tax Claim, Senior Notes Claim, Other Secured Claim, Other Priority Claim, Subordinated Notes Claim, Vernon Tort Claim, Intercompany Claim, or Other Subordinated Claim. Without limiting the foregoing, General Unsecured Claims include all (a) Rejection Damages Claims and (b) Reclamation Claims that are not Allowed Section 503(b)(9) Claims.
- 1.99 "Governmental Unit" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- **1.100 "GUC Trust"** means the liquidating trust to be established on the Effective Date under the provisions of <u>Article VII</u> of this Plan in accordance with the GUC Trust Agreement.
- 1.101 "GUC Trust Trustee" means the Entity selected by the Creditors' Committee to serve as trustee of the GUC Trust, pursuant to the terms of the GUC Trust Agreement.
- 1.102 "GUC Trust Agreement" means that certain trust agreement by and among the Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee, substantially in the form contained in Exhibit 7.1 and in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.

- 1.103 "GUC Trust Board" means the three member oversight board for the GUC Trust, two members of which shall be selected by the Creditors' Committee and one member of which shall be selected by the Unofficial Noteholder Committee.
- 1.104 "GUC Trust Assets" means the assets to be transferred to the GUC Trust on the Effective Date in accordance with the Plan, the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, and the GUC Trust Agreement. The GUC Trust Assets shall be comprised of: (a) the GUC Trust Cash Contribution, (b) the GUC Trust IP Transaction Proceeds, (c) the GUC Trust LME Pricing Litigation Assets; and (d) the GUC Trust Causes of Action.
- 1.105 "GUC Trust Cash Contribution" means the \$3,000,000.00 to be contributed by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor to the GUC Trust on the Effective Date to support the GUC Trust's costs and expenses, which amount shall be repaid by the GUC Trust to the Reorganized Debtor from the first \$3,000,000.00 in net proceeds from GUC Trust Preference Actions, but which is otherwise not repayable.
- 1.106 "GUC Trust Causes of Action" means (a) the GUC Trust Preference Actions, (b) the LME Pricing Claims, and (c) such other Causes of Action that may be identified and, either (i) agreed to among the Debtor, the Creditors' Committee and the Unofficial Noteholder Committee or (ii) ordered to be contributed to the GUC Trust pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, prior to the Effective Date, pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement and Article 7.5 of this Plan, and as set forth in Exhibit 7.3, in any case to the extent such Causes of Action are not released pursuant to Article 12.6 or Article 6.17 of this Plan.
- 1.107 "GUC Trust IP Transaction Proceeds" means the 45% of the IP Transaction Proceeds allocable to the GUC Trust, which shall be distributable 55% to Senior Notes Deficiency Claims and 45% to the benefit of all Allowed Other General Unsecured Claims, in accordance with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- 1.108 "GUC Trust LME Pricing Litigation Assets" means (a) the right to pursue LME Pricing Claims pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement and the net proceeds thereof, which shall be deposited in the GUC Trust, with 45% distributable to the Senior Notes Deficiency Claim and 55% distributable to the benefit of all Allowed Other General Unsecured Claims, in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement and (b) the net cash proceeds arising from any monetary compensation, rights of restitution, or other pecuniary benefits to which the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, is entitled as a result of a public/governmental antitrust enforcement action relating to LME Pricing Claims, which shall be deposited in the GUC Trust for distribution Pro Rata to Allowed General Unsecured Claims and the Senior Notes Deficiency Claim, in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- 1.109 "GUC Trust Preference Actions" means those certain Avoidance Actions arising under section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code, to be transferred to the GUC Trust on the Effective Date, which Avoidance Actions have been agreed among the Debtor, the Creditors' Committee, and the Unofficial Noteholder Committee, pursuant to and in accordance with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.

- 1.110 "GUC Trust Settlement Agreement" means that certain agreement approved by the Bankruptcy Court on February 4, 2015 (Docket No. 3093), as may be amended, supplemented, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time with the written agreement of the parties thereto, which sets forth the terms of the settlement among the Debtor, the Creditors' Committee, and the Unofficial Noteholder Committee.
- 1.111 "Holdback Escrow Account" means the interest-bearing escrow account into which Cash equal to the Holdback Escrow Amount shall be deposited on the Effective Date for the payment of Allowed Professional Claims to the extent not previously paid or disallowed.
- 1.112 "Holdback Escrow Amount" means the sum of (a) the aggregate amounts withheld by the Debtor as of the Confirmation Date as a holdback on payment of Professional Claims pursuant to the Professional Fee Order and (b) twenty (20) percent of that portion of the unbilled fees of Professionals estimated pursuant to Article 2.3(b) of the Plan attributable to fees incurred as of the Confirmation Date; provided, however, that if a Professional does not provide an estimate pursuant to Article 2.3(b), the Debtor may estimate the unbilled fees of such Professional incurred as of the Confirmation Date, and the sum of provision (a) above and the total amount so estimated shall comprise the Holdback Escrow Amount.
 - **1.113** "Holder" means a holder of a Claim against or Interest in the Debtor.
- **1.114** "HSR Act" means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.
- 1.115 "Impaired" means impaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.116 "Indemnification Obligations" means obligations of the Debtor, if any, to indemnify, reimburse, advance, or contribute to the losses, liabilities, or expenses of an Indemnitee pursuant to the Debtor's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, policy of providing employee indemnification, applicable law, or specific agreement in respect of any claims, demands, suits, causes of action, or proceedings against an Indemnitee based upon any act or omission related to an Indemnitee's service with, for, or on behalf of the Debtor.
- 1.117 "Indemnitee" means, in each case employed by the Debtor or serving as a director or officer immediately prior to or as of the Effective Date and acting in their respective capacities as such immediately prior to the Effective Date, all directors, officers, or employees of the Debtor who are entitled to assert Indemnification Obligations.
- **1.118** "Indenture Trustees" means the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee and the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee.
- **1.119 "Indentures"** means the Senior Notes Indenture and the Subordinated Notes Indenture.
- 1.120 "Initial Carrier Policy" means those policies issued by XL listed on Schedule A to the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.

- 1.121 "Insurance Contract" has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 9.4 of this Plan.
- 1.122 "Insured Claims" has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 9.4 of this Plan.
- 1.123 "Intercompany Claim" means a Claim by the Debtor against an Affiliate or by an Affiliate against the Debtor.
- 1.124 "Interest" means (a) the legal, equitable, contractual, and other rights (whether fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed or undisputed) in any Entity with respect to Old Exide Common Stock, or any other Equity Securities or Other Interests of the Debtor and (b) the legal, equitable, contractual and other rights (whether fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed or undisputed) of any Entity to purchase, sell, subscribe to, or otherwise acquire or receive (directly or indirectly) any of the foregoing.
- 1.125 "IP Advisor" means M*CAM, Inc., or such other professional selected by the Reorganized Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee for the purpose of identifying, structuring, and executing IP Transactions pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- 1.126 "IP Transaction" means the monetization of intellectual property through any offset or similar transaction identified by the Reorganized Debtor in its reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the GUC Trust Trustee in accordance with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- 1.127 "IP Transaction Proceeds" means the net cash proceeds from any IP Transaction (which amount shall be determined by the Reorganized Debtor in its reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the GUC Trust Trustee, after reimbursement to the Reorganized Debtor for the IP Advisor's fees and expenses), which shall be distributed 55% to the Reorganized Debtor and 45% to the GUC Trust, in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- 1.128 "KEIP" means the Key Employee Incentive Plan for certain of Exide's officers and management adopted by Exide's board of directors and approved by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court on September 17, 2013.
- 1.129 "Law" means any law (statutory or common), statute, regulation, rule, code or ordinance enacted, adopted, issued, or promulgated by any Governmental Unit.
- 1.130 "Legal Proceeding" means legal, governmental, administrative, judicial, or regulatory investigations, audits, actions, suits, claims, arbitrations, demands, demand letters, notices of noncompliance or violation, or proceedings.
- 1.131 "Letter(s) of Credit" means any letter of credit (singularly or collectively as the case may be) issued pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreement.

- 1.132 "Letter of Credit Issuer" means the issuer of a Letter of Credit under the DIP Credit Agreement.
- 1.133 "Lien" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.134 "LME Pricing Claims" means any private antitrust action, price competition action, or similar action to the extent permitted by applicable law, whether the foregoing arises under United States law or the laws of foreign jurisdictions, for damages to the Debtor and/or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates resulting from alleged lead price manipulation that is the subject of the investigation conducted by the Creditors' Committee and the Debtor beginning in or about April 2014, pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- 1.135 "MIP" means that certain management incentive compensation plan to be implemented on or after the Effective Date, as is more specifically described in Exhibit 6.16, by which the Reorganized Debtor shall deliver certain stock options and/or restricted grants in the Reorganized Debtor to certain post-Effective date management and other employees of the Reorganized Debtor and its Affiliates.
- 1.136 "New Board" means the initial board of directors of the Reorganized Debtor.
- 1.137 "New Exide Common Stock" means the shares of new common stock of the Reorganized Debtor.
- 1.138 "New Exide Common Stock Allocation" means the allocation of shares of New Exide Common Stock, after conversion of all the New Second Lien Convertible Notes to New Exide Common Stock on a fully diluted basis, as follows: (a) 80.0% to holders of New Second Lien Convertible Notes; (b) 10.0% to Holders of Senior Notes Secured Claims; (c) 5.0% in payment to the Backstop Parties; (d) 3.0% in payment of the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Funding Fee; and (e) 2.0% in payment of the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Backstop Fee, all subject to dilution on account of the MIP and any paid-in-kind interest accruing on the New Second Lien Convertible Notes prior to conversion.
- 1.139 "New First Lien High Yield Notes" means those first lien high yield notes to be issued by the Reorganized Debtor pursuant to the terms described in Exhibit 6.2(b).
- 1.140 "New Second Lien Convertible Notes" means those second lien convertible notes to be issued by the Reorganized Debtor pursuant to the terms described in Exhibit 6.2(c).
- 1.141 "Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the DIP Facility Order.
- 1.142 "Old Exide Common Stock" means shares of common stock of Exide that are authorized, issued, and outstanding prior to the Effective Date, including common stock contained in the reserve established pursuant to the Joint Plan of Reorganization confirmed in the

- 2002 Bankruptcy Case for issuance to Holders of unsecured prepetition disputed claims in the 2002 Bankruptcy Case.
- 1.143 "Old Exide Securities" means, collectively, the Senior Notes, the Subordinated Notes, and Old Exide Common Stock, and all options, warrants, rights and other instruments evidencing an ownership interest in the Debtor (whether fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed or undisputed), contractual, legal, equitable, or otherwise, to acquire any of the foregoing.
- 1.144 "Ordinary Course Professionals Order" means the Bankruptcy Court's Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a), 327, 330 and 331 Authorizing the Debtor to Employ and Pay Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of Business (Docket No. 332).
- 1.145 "Other General Unsecured Claims" means all Subordinated Notes Claims and all General Unsecured Claims.
- 1.146 "Other Interests" means all options, call rights, puts, awards, or other agreements to acquire an Equity Security of the Debtor.
- 1.147 "Other Priority Claim" means any Claim, other than an Administrative Claim or Priority Tax Claim, entitled to priority payment as specified in section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.148 "Other Secured Claim" means any Secured Claim other than the following: (a) a DIP Facility Claim or (b) a Senior Notes Secured Claim.
- 1.149 "Other Secured Claim Interest Rate" means the interest rate equal to the seven-year treasury yield rate on the Effective Date plus 200 basis points.
- 1.150 "Other Subordinated Claim" means any Claim against the Debtor other than a Subordinated Notes Claim that is subject to subordination under section 510(b) or (c) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether arising from rescission of a purchase or sale of a security of the Debtor or an Affiliate of the Debtor, for damages arising from the purchase or sale of such a security, or for reimbursement or contribution allowed under section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code on account of such Claim, or otherwise, which Claim shall be subordinated to all Claims or Interests that are senior to or equal to the Claim or Interest represented by such security, except that if such security is Old Exide Common Stock, such Claim has the same priority as Old Exide Common Stock.
 - 1.151 "PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.
- 1.152 "Pension Plan" means the Exide Technologies Retirement Plan, and any components thereof, which is the sole defined benefit pension plan sponsored by the Debtor.
- 1.153 "Periodic Distribution Date" means, as applicable, (a) the Distribution Date, as to the first distribution made by the Distribution Agent, and (b) thereafter, such Business Days selected by the Reorganized Debtor in its reasonable discretion.

- **1.154** "Petition Date" means June 10, 2013.
- 1.155 "Plan" means this fourth amended plan of reorganization for the resolution of outstanding Claims and Interests in the Chapter 11 Case, as may be modified in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules, including the Plan Supplement and all Exhibits, supplements, appendices, and schedules.
- 1.156 "Plan Supplement" means the supplement or supplements to the Plan containing certain Exhibits and documents relevant to the implementation of the Plan, to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court.
- 1.157 "Plan Supplement Filing Date" means the date on which the Plan Supplement shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, which date shall be at least seven days prior to the Voting Deadline or such later date as may be approved by the Bankruptcy Court without further notice.
- 1.158 "Plan Support Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Plan Support Agreement entered into by and among Exide and the Consenting Creditors dated as of January 7, 2015, as may be amended, supplemented, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.
- 1.159 "Plan Support Agreement Approval Order" means the Final Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court authorizing the Debtor's entry into and approving the terms and conditions of the Plan Support Agreement.
- 1.160 "Plan Transaction Documents" means all definitive documents and agreements to which the Debtor will be a party as contemplated by the Plan Support Agreement and the Plan, including (a) the motion to approve the Plan Support Agreement and the Plan Support Agreement Approval Order, (b) the Plan and any documentation or agreements related thereto, (c) the Confirmation Order and pleadings in support of entry thereof, (d) the Backstop Commitment Agreement and any documentation or agreements related thereto, the motion to approve the Backstop Commitment Agreement, and the Backstop Commitment Agreement Approval Order, (e) the Disclosure Statement, the solicitation materials in respect of the Plan, the Rights Offering Procedures, the Rights Offering Procedures Order, the motion to approve the Disclosure Statement, and the Disclosure Statement Approval Order, (f) the Exit Financing Commitment Agreements and any documentation or agreements relating thereto, and (g) all documents that will comprise the Plan Supplements.
- 1.161 "Preference Proceeds Distribution" means an amount from net proceeds of GUC Trust Preference Actions distributable to Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims equal to (a) \$1.5 million divided by Allowed Class D Claims plus the Allowed Class E Claims multiplied by (b) the Senior Notes Deficiency Claim of Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims.
- 1.162 "Prepetition Indemnification Basket" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article 9.3 of this Plan.

- **1.163** "Prepetition Indemnification Obligations" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article 9.3 of this Plan.
- 1.164 "Priority Tax Claim" means a Claim of a Governmental Unit entitled to priority pursuant to section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.165 "Pro Rata" means, with respect to Claims or DIP Facility Claims, at any time, the proportion that the Face Amount of a Claim in a particular Class or Classes or with respect to the DIP Facility Claims, such DIP Facility Claims, bears to the aggregate Face Amount of all Claims (including Disputed Claims, but excluding disallowed Claims) in such Class or Classes or with respect to the DIP Facility Claims, all such kind of DIP Facility Claims at issue.
- 1.166 "Professional" means any Entity retained in the Chapter 11 Case by separate Final Order pursuant to sections 327, 363, and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise (and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC); provided, however, that Professional does not include any Entity retained pursuant to the Ordinary Course Professionals Order or any professionals the payment of which is authorized under paragraph 15 of the DIP Facility Order.
- 1.167 "Professional Claim" means an Administrative Claim of a Professional for compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of costs, expenses, or other charges and disbursements incurred relating to services rendered or expenses incurred after the Petition Date and prior to and including the Confirmation Date.
- 1.168 "Professional Fee Order" means the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court on July 11, 2013, authorizing the interim payment of Professional Claims subject to the Holdback Escrow Amount.
- 1.169 "Reclamation Claim" means any Claim for the reclamation of goods delivered to the Debtor asserted under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.170 "Recovery Litigation" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.
- 1.171 "Reinstated" or "Reinstatement" means (a) leaving unaltered the legal, equitable and contractual rights to which a Claim entitles the Claim Holder so as to leave such Claim Unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (b) notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the Claim Holder to demand or receive accelerated payment of such Claim after the occurrence of a default, (i) curing any such default that occurred before or after the Petition Date, other than a default of a kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) reinstating the maturity of such Claim as such maturity existed before such default; (iii) compensating the Claim Holder for any damages incurred as a result of any reasonable reliance by such Claim Holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law; and (iv) not otherwise altering the legal, equitable or contractual rights to which such Claim entitles the Claim Holder; provided, however, that any contractual right that does not pertain to the payment when due of principal and interest on the obligation on which such Claim is based, including, but not limited to, financial covenant ratios,

negative pledge covenants, covenants or restrictions on merger or consolidation, "going dark" provisions, and affirmative covenants regarding corporate existence prohibiting certain transactions or actions contemplated by this Plan, or conditioning such transactions or actions on certain factors, shall not be required to be cured or reinstated in order to accomplish Reinstatement.

- 1.172 "Rejection Damages Claim" means any Claim on account of the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code or the repudiation of such contract.
- 1.173 "Released Parties" means, collectively, in each case, solely in their respective capacities as such: (a) except as set forth herein, the Debtor and all of the Debtor's and Reorganized Debtor's current and former officers and directors, principals, employees, agents, subsidiaries, current and former affiliates, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives and other professionals; (b) the DIP Agent, (c) the DIP Lenders, (d) the Backstop Parties, (e) the Consenting Creditors, (f) all Professionals, (g) the Unofficial Noteholder Committee and each of its members, (h) the Creditors' Committee and each of its members, (i) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, (j) the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, (k) solely with respect to Vernon Tort Claimants and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, XL, solely on account of the Initial Carrier Policies in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet; provided, however, that as a condition to such release of XL, XL must release the collateral from which the Debtor will fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets, and (l) with respect to each of the above-named Entities described in subsections (b) through (k), such Entity's current and former affiliates, subsidiaries, advisors, principals, partners, managers, members, employees, officers, directors, representatives, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, agents, and other representatives and professionals, in each case to the extent a claim arises from actions taken or omissions by any such person in its capacity as a related person of one of the parties listed in clauses (b) through (k) and is released as against such party.
- 1.174 "Releasing Parties" means, collectively, in each case, in their respective capacities as such (a) the Backstop Parties, (b) the Consenting Creditors, (c) the Unofficial Noteholder Committee and the members thereof, (d) the Creditors' Committee and the members thereof, (e) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, (f) the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, (g) the Vernon Tort Claimants in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, (h) Holders of Unimpaired Claims, and (i) each Holder of a Claim voting to accept the Plan or abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, unless such Holder elects to opt out of the releases contained in Article 12.7 by checking the box on its timely submitted applicable ballot.
- 1.175 "Reorganized Debtor" means the Debtor or any successor thereto, by merger, consolidation, or otherwise, from and after the Effective Date.
- 1.176 "Required Consenting Creditors" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Plan Support Agreement.
- 1.177 "Requisite Backstop Parties" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Backstop Commitment Agreement.

- 1.178 "Rights Offering" means that certain rights offering pursuant to which Eligible Holders shall have the right to exercise Rights Offering Subscription Rights and Rights Offering Oversubscription Rights for the purchase of up to \$175.0 million of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes.
- 1.179 "Rights Offering Oversubscription Rights" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Rights Offering Procedures.
- 1.180 "Rights Offering Subscription Rights" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Rights Offering Procedures.
- 1.181 "Rights Offering Record Date" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Rights Offering Procedures.
- 1.182 "Rights Offering Procedures" means the procedures required to be followed by Holders of Senior Notes Secured Claims to validly exercise their Rights Offering Subscription Rights or Rights Offering Oversubscription Rights, as applicable.
- 1.183 "Rights Offering Procedures Order" means the Final Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court approving the commencement of the Rights Offering in accordance with the Rights Offering Procedures.
- 1.184 "Rule 2004 Motions" has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 7.4(c) of this Plan.
- 1.185 "Scheduled" means, with respect to any Claim, the status, priority, and amount, if any, of such Claim as set forth in the Schedules.
- 1.186 "Schedules" means the schedules of assets and liabilities and the statements of financial affairs filed in the Chapter 11 Case by the Debtor pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code, which incorporate by reference the global notes and statement of limitations, methodology, and disclaimer regarding the Debtor's schedules and statements, as such schedules or statements have been or may be further modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 1009 or Final Orders of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 1.187 "Section 503(b)(9) Claim" means any Claim asserted under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code equal to the value of any goods received by the Debtor within 20 days before the Petition Date in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the Debtor's ordinary course of business.
- 1.188 "Secured Claim" means a Claim (a) secured by a Lien on collateral to the extent of the value of such collateral, as determined in accordance with section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) subject to a valid right of setoff pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 1.189 "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as now in effect or hereafter amended, and the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder.
- 1.190 "Security" has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.
- **1.191** "Senior Notes" means the 8.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2018 issued by Exide under the Senior Notes Indenture.
- 1.192 "Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering" means the right of Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims to purchase up to \$10,863,730 of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes on the same terms as the Rights Offering Subscription Rights by making a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election.
- 1.193 "Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election" means an election made through DTC on or before the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline pursuant to which a Holder of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims that completes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Certification may timely and irrevocably elect to receive: in lieu of its Pro Rata share of the Alternative Distribution Cash under Article 4.1(b)(ii)(1)(A) of this Plan, its right to participate in the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering.
- 1.194 "Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Certification" means a certification made through DTC on or before the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline by a Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim that is making a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election, certifying that such Holder is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(4), (5), or (6) under the Securities Act.
- 1.195 "Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim" means a Senior Notes Claim that is held by any Holder that is not an Eligible Holder, which shall be Allowed for all purposes under this Plan.
- 1.196 "Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Certification" means the certification by a Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Claim in accordance with the solicitation procedures set forth in the Disclosure Statement Order, to be completed by Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims prior to receiving any distribution on account of such Holder's Senior Notes Secured Claims under Article 4.1(b) of this Plan.
- 1.197 "Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments" means deferred, nontransferable Cash payments by the Debtor to be allocated among Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims that do not make the Senior Notes Stock Election on the following terms: (i) each such Holder shall receive \$54.00 for every \$1,000.00 of such Holder's Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims to be paid no later than seven years from the Effective Date plus interest accruing at an interest rate equal to the seven-year treasury yield rate on the Effective Date plus 200 basis points; (ii) accrued interest payments shall be made on each one-year anniversary of the Effective Date or the date that all amounts are paid in full if occurring before such one-year anniversary; and (iii) payments shall be secured by liens against the same collateral securing the Senior Notes junior in priority to the liens securing the New First

Lien High Yield Notes, the New Second Lien Convertible Notes and the Exit ABL Revolver Facility; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments for Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims shall not exceed \$7,000,000.00; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u> that in no event shall the distribution of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments result in a recovery greater than the recovery provided to Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims under <u>Article 4.1(a)(ii)</u> of the Plan.

- 1.198 "Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline" means the date that is thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.
- 1.199 "Senior Notes Claim" means any and all Claims held by the Senior Secured Noteholders against the Debtor arising under or related to the Senior Notes, including any Senior Notes Deficiency Claim and Senior Notes Secured Claims, which shall be Allowed for all purposes under this Plan.
- 1.200 "Senior Notes Deficiency Claim" means the portion of the Senior Notes Claim that is unsecured pursuant to section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, which shall be Allowed for all purposes under this Plan in the amount of \$659.8 million or such other amount as determined by the Bankruptcy Court; provided, however, the parties to the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement shall not dispute that the \$659.8 million Senior Notes Deficiency Claim is the deficiency Claim for purposes of the Plan.
- 1.201 "Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claim" means a Senior Notes Claim, except a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim, held by a Holder that (a) is an Eligible Holder and (b) certifies that it is an Eligible Holder through an Eligible Holder Certification, which Claim shall be Allowed for all purposes under this Plan.
- **1.202** "Senior Notes Indenture" means that certain indenture dated as of January 25, 2011 pursuant to which the Senior Notes were issued.
- 1.203 "Senior Notes Indenture Trustee" means the indenture trustee for the Senior Notes appointed under the Senior Notes Indenture.
- 1.204 "Senior Notes Secured Claim" means the portion of the Senior Notes Claims that is a Secured Claim, which shall be Allowed for all purposes in the aggregate amount of \$696,023,437.50 in principal, and interest accrued as of the Petition Date and all Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations, less the amount of the Senior Notes Deficiency Claim; provided, however, that no adequate protection consideration received and payable up to and including the Effective Date provided in the DIP Facility Order shall be disgorged or deemed applied first to principal or otherwise in a manner to reduce the Allowed amount of the Senior Notes Secured Claims.
- 1.205 "Senior Notes Stock Election" means an election made through DTC on or before the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline pursuant to which a Holder of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims may timely and irrevocably elect to receive: in lieu of its Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments under to Article 4.1(b)(ii)(1)(C) of this Plan, its Pro Rata portion of New Exide Common Stock distributed to Allowed Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims.

- 1.206 "Senior Secured Noteholder" means a Holder of a Senior Notes Claim.
- 1.207 "Servicer" means any indenture trustee, agent, servicer, or other authorized representative of Holders of Claims or Interests recognized by the Debtor. The Debtor recognizes Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in its capacity as the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, as a Servicer.
 - **1.208** "Subordinated Noteholder" means a Holder of Subordinated Notes.
- **1.209** "Subordinated Notes" means those floating rate convertible senior subordinated notes due September 18, 2013 issued pursuant to the Subordinated Notes Indenture.
- 1.210 "Subordinated Notes Claim" means a Claim of a Subordinated Notes Holder arising under or as a result of the Subordinated Notes, which Claims shall be Allowed for all purposes under the Plan in the aggregate amount of \$51,900,000.00, and which for the avoidance of doubt shall not be subject to any avoidance, reductions, recharacterization, counterclaim, defense, disallowance, impairment, objection, or any challenges under applicable law or regulation.
- 1.211 "Subordinated Notes Indenture" means that certain indenture for the Subordinated Notes between Exide and the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, dated as of March 18, 2005.
- 1.212 "Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee" means U.S. Bank National Association, in its capacity as indenture trustee for the Subordinated Notes pursuant to the Subordinated Notes Indenture.
- 1.213 "Subsidiaries" means a subsidiary of Exide or any of Exide's subsidiaries.
- 1.214 "Unclaimed Distribution" means any distribution under the Plan on account of an Allowed Claim to a Holder that has not: (a) accepted a particular distribution or, in the case of distributions made by check, negotiated such check; (b) given notice to the Reorganized Debtor of an intent to accept a particular distribution; (c) responded to the Debtor's or Reorganized Debtor's request for information necessary to facilitate a particular distribution; or (d) taken any other action necessary to facilitate such distribution.
- 1.215 "Unexpired Lease" means a lease of nonresidential real property to which the Debtor is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.216 "Unimpaired" means, with respect to a Class of Claims, a Class of Claims that is not Impaired.
- 1.217 "Unofficial Noteholder Committee" means the unofficial committee of unaffiliated holders (which include holders or investment advisors or managers of discretionary accounts) of Senior Notes represented by Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and Young Conway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP.

- 1.218 "Vernon Facility" means the Debtor's lead recycling facility and related operations located at 2700 South Indiana Avenue, Vernon, California 90058.
- **1.219** "Vernon Personal Injury Litigation" means the litigations commenced in California state court as described in Schedule D to the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.
- 1.220 "Vernon Tort Claimants" means any and all claimants who allege they have a Vernon Tort Claim who timely filed a proof of Claim in the Chapter 11 Case in accordance with the Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court in this Chapter 11 Case at Docket No. 788, and/or who is a plaintiff in any Vernon Personal Injury Litigation.
- 1.221 "Vernon Tort Claims" means any and all Claims, proofs of Claim, actions, Causes of Action, rights, liabilities and obligations relating to the alleged discharges of lead, arsenic and other alleged contaminants from or in any way related to the Vernon Facility, including but not limited to any Claims for wrongful death; survivor claims; loss of consortium; negligence; negligence per se; absolute liability for ultrahazardous activity; misrepresentation and fraudulent concealment; private permanent nuisance; private continuing nuisance; public permanent nuisance causing special injury; public continuing nuisance causing special injury; permanent trespass; continuing trespass; and unfair business practices under the California state code; provided, however, Vernon Tort Claims do not include any Claims, proofs of Claim, Causes of Action or rights of, or liabilities or obligations owing to Environmental Governmental Units.
- 1.222 "Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet" means that certain term sheet and agreement, as may be amended, supplemented, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time with the written agreement of the parties thereto, which sets forth the terms of the settlement among the Debtor and a majority of the Holders of the Vernon Tort Claims, as set forth in Exhibit 8.1 to the Plan.
- **1.223 "Vernon Tort Claims Trust"** means the trust established under the provisions of Article VIII of the Plan in accordance with the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.
- 1.224 "Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement" means that certain trust agreement by and among the Debtor and the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.
- 1.225 "Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets" means the assets transferred to the Vernon Tort Claims Trust in accordance with the Plan, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets, and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement. The Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets shall be formed and initially funded promptly upon the later of the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust or the Effective Date with the contribution by the Debtor of Cash in the amount of \$2,675,000 currently held as collateral in connection with Initial Carrier Policies; provided, however, that if XL does not release the collateral from which the Debtor will fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, shall be authorized to contribute Cash to fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust. The Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets shall also be comprised of the contributions of additional insurers or XL on

account of additional insurance policies other than the Initial Carrier Policies, or third parties, in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.

- 1.226 "Vernon Tort Claims Trustee" means the Entity selected by the Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group, subject to Court approval after notice to other parties, to serve as trustee of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, pursuant to the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.
- **1.227** "Voting Deadline" means March 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time.
- 1.228 "XL" means XL Specialty Insurance Company, Indian Harbor Insurance Company and/or Greenwich Insurance Company (collectively, and together with their affiliates and subsidiaries).
- 1.229 "XL Accommodations Order" means that certain order entered by the Bankruptcy Court on January 8, 2015 at Docket No. 2899 approving certain accommodations required by XL Specialty Insurance Company, Indian Harbor Insurance Company, Greenwich Insurance Company, and their affiliates in connection with renewal of certain of the Debtor's existing insurance policies.

C. Rules of Interpretation

For purposes of this Plan, unless otherwise provided herein, (a) whenever from the context it is appropriate, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural; (b) each pronoun stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter includes the masculine, feminine, and neuter; (c) any reference in the Plan to an existing document or schedule filed or to be filed means such document or schedule, as it may have been or may be amended, modified, or supplemented; (d) any reference to an entity as a Holder of a Claim or Interest includes that entity's successors and assigns; (e) all references in this Plan to Sections, Articles, and Exhibits are references to Sections, Articles, and Exhibits of or to this Plan; (f) the words "herein," "hereunder," and "hereto" refer to this Plan in its entirety rather than to a particular portion of this Plan; (g) captions and headings to Articles and Sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of this Plan; (h) the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply; (i) to the extent the Disclosure Statement is inconsistent with the terms of this Plan, this Plan shall control; (i) to the extent this Plan is inconsistent with the Confirmation Order, the Confirmation Order shall control; and (k) any immaterial effectuating provision may be interpreted by the Reorganized Debtor in a manner that is consistent with the overall purpose and intent of the Plan without further Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

D. <u>Computation Of Time</u>

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply.

E. References to Monetary Figures

All references in this Plan to monetary figures shall refer to currency of the United States of America, unless otherwise expressly provided.

F. Exhibits

All Exhibits are incorporated into and are a part of this Plan as if set forth in full herein and, to the extent not annexed hereto, such Exhibits shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Plan Supplement Filing Date. After the Plan Supplement Filing Date, copies of Exhibits may be obtained upon written request to Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, New York 10036 (Att'n: Elliot A. Ross), or Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 155 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2700, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (Att'n: Jennifer Madden), counsel to the Debtor, or by downloading such exhibits from the Debtor's informational website at www.exiderestructuringinfo.com. To the extent any Exhibit is inconsistent with the terms of this Plan and unless otherwise provided for in the Confirmation Order, the terms of the Exhibit shall control as to the transactions contemplated thereby and the terms of this Plan shall control as to any Plan provision that may be required under the Exhibit.

ARTICLE II

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND PRIORITY CLAIMS

Administrative Claims. Except to the extent that the Debtor (or the 2.1 Reorganized Debtor) and a Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim agree to a less favorable treatment, a Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim (other than a Professional Claim, which shall be subject to Article 2.3 of the Plan) shall receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, such Administrative Claim, Cash equal to the unpaid portion of such Allowed Administrative Claim either (a) on the Distribution Date; (b) on the first Periodic Distribution Date occurring after the later of (i) 30 days after the date when an Administrative Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Claim or (ii) 30 days after the date when an Administrative Claim becomes payable pursuant to any agreement between the Debtor (or the Reorganized Debtor) and the Holder of such Administrative Claim, or (c) if the Allowed Administrative Claim is based on liabilities incurred by the Debtor in the ordinary course of its business after the Petition Date, in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transaction giving rise to such Allowed Administrative Claims, without any further action by the Holders of such Allowed Administrative Claims; provided, however, that other than Holders of (i) a DIP Facility Claim, (ii) a Professional Claim, (iii) an Administrative Claim Allowed by an order of the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Effective Date, or (iv) an Administrative Claim that is not Disputed and arose in the ordinary course of business and was paid or is to be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transaction giving rise to such Administrative Claim, the Holder of any Administrative Claim shall have filed a proof of Claim form no later than the Administrative Claims Bar Date and such Claim shall have become an Allowed Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein and as set forth in Articles 2.2 or 2.3 of this Plan, all requests for payment of an Administrative Claim must be filed, in substantially the form of the Administrative Claim Request Form contained in Exhibit 2.1, with the Claims Agent and served on counsel for the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor no later than the Administrative Claims Bar Date. Any request for payment of an Administrative Claim pursuant to this Article 2.1 that is not timely filed and served shall be Disallowed automatically without the need for any objection from the Reorganized Debtor. The Reorganized Debtor may settle an Administrative Claim without further Bankruptcy Court approval. In the event that the Reorganized Debtor objects to an Administrative Claim and there is no settlement, the Bankruptcy Court shall determine the Allowed amount of such Administrative Claim.

- **2.2 DIP Facility Claims.** Pursuant to the DIP Facility Order, all DIP Facility Claims are Allowed.
- (a) **DIP ABL Claims**. Except to the extent that a Holder of a DIP ABL Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every DIP ABL Claim, Holders of DIP ABL Claims shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, such payments to be distributed to the DIP Agent for the ratable benefit of the Holders of DIP ABL Claims.

To the extent that any Letter of Credit remains undrawn as of the Effective Date, the Debtor shall (i) cause that Letter of Credit to be replaced with a letter of credit issued under the Exit Financing, (ii) collateralize that Letter of Credit with Cash in an amount equal to 105% of its face amount, (iii) provide a back-to-back letter of credit to the Letter of Credit Issuer on terms and from a financial institution reasonably acceptable to the Letter of Credit Issuer, or (iv) provide such other treatment as the Letter of Credit Issuer shall agree in its sole discretion.

- (b) **DIP Term Loan Claims**. Except to the extent that a Holder of a DIP Term Loan Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every DIP Term Loan Claim, each Holder of an Allowed DIP Term Loan Claim shall receive:
- (i) if such Holder is not a Consenting Creditor, and such Holder agrees:

Cash Pool;

- (1) its Pro Rata share of the DIP Term Loan Refinancing
- (2) in exchange for approximately 71.2% of such Holder's DIP Term Loan Claims, its Pro Rata share of New First Lien High Yield Notes issued pursuant to the DIP/First Lien Exchange (reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the New First Lien High Yield Notes issued to participants in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option); and
- (3) in exchange for approximately 28.8% of such Holder's DIP Term Loan Claims, such Holder's choice of its Pro Rata share of (A)(i) New Second Lien Convertible Notes and (ii) the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Funding Fee or (B) New First Lien High Yield Notes (in each case reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by any such consideration issued to participants in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option); and

- (ii) if such Holder is a Consenting Creditor:
 - (1) its Pro Rata share of the DIP Term Loan Refinancing

Cash Pool;

- (2) in exchange for approximately 28.8% of such Holder's DIP Term Loan Claims, pursuant to the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option, its Pro Rata share of: (A) New Second Lien Convertible Notes exchanged at par and (B) the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Funding Fee (in each case reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by any such consideration issued to participants in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option); and
- Consenting Creditor's DIP Term Loan Claims, its Pro Rata share of the New First Lien High Yield Notes issued pursuant to the DIP/First Lien Exchange (reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the New First Lien High Yield Notes issued to participants in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option); provided, however, that in the event of a DIP/Second Lien Undersubscription, Consenting Creditors shall exchange DIP Term Loan Claims that otherwise would be exchanged for New First Lien High Yield Notes pursuant to this Article 2.2(b)(ii)(3), in the aggregate amount of the DIP/Second Lien Undersubscription, for additional New Second Lien Convertible Notes pursuant to and in the percentages set forth in the Plan Support Agreement (in each case reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the New Second Lien Convertible Notes issued to participants in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option); and
- (4) such Consenting Creditor's share of the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option Backstop Fee as set forth in the Plan Support Agreement.
- (c) **DIP Facility Other Claims**. Except to the extent that a Holder of a DIP Facility Other Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every DIP Facility Other Claim, Holders of DIP Facility Other Claims (other than Excluded DIP Obligations) shall be paid in full in Cash on the Effective Date, such payments to be distributed to the DIP Agent for the ratable benefit of the Holders of DIP Facility Other Claims.
- (d) Upon the Effective Date, all Liens and security interests granted to secure the DIP Facility shall be deemed discharged, cancelled, and released and shall be of no further force and effect; provided, however, that the Excluded DIP Obligations shall survive the Effective Date and shall not be discharged, cancelled or released pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, notwithstanding any provision hereof or thereof to the contrary, and the payment on such date of the DIP Facility Claims shall in no way affect or impair the obligations, duties and liabilities of the Debtor or the rights of the DIP Agent and the DIP Lenders relating to any Excluded DIP Obligations. To the extent that the DIP Lenders or the DIP Agent have filed or recorded publicly any Liens and/or security interests to secure the Debtor's obligations under the DIP Facility, the DIP Lenders or the DIP Agent, as the case may be, shall take any commercially reasonable steps requested by the Debtor, at the expense of the Reorganized

Debtor, that are necessary to cancel and/or extinguish such publicly-filed Liens and/or security interests.

2.3 Professional Claims.

- (a) **Final Fee Applications**. All final requests for payment of Professional Claims and requests for reimbursement of expenses of members of the Creditors' Committee must be filed no later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date. After notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and prior orders of the Bankruptcy Court, the Allowed amounts of such Professional Claims and expenses shall be determined by the Bankruptcy Court.
- Amount, on the Effective Date, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor shall pay all amounts owing to Professionals for all outstanding amounts billed relating to prior periods through the Effective Date as to which no objection has been filed. In order to receive payment on the Effective Date for unbilled fees and expenses incurred through the Effective Date, no later than two (2) days prior to the Effective Date, the Professionals shall estimate fees and expenses due for periods that have not been billed as of the Effective Date and shall deliver such estimate to counsel for the Debtor. Within fifteen (15) days after the Effective Date, a Professional receiving payment for the estimated period shall submit a detailed invoice covering such period.
- the Reorganized Debtor shall fund the Holdback Escrow Account with Cash equal to the aggregate Holdback Escrow Account for all Professionals. The Distribution Agent shall maintain the Holdback Escrow Account in trust for the Professionals with respect to whom fees have been held back pursuant to the Professional Fee Order. Such funds shall not be considered property of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Estate. The remaining amount of Professional Claims owing to the Professionals shall be paid to such Professionals by the Distribution Agent from the Holdback Escrow Account when such claims are finally Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court. When all Professional Claims have been paid in full, amounts remaining in the Holdback Escrow Account, if any, shall be paid to the Reorganized Debtor.
- (d) **Post-Confirmation Date Retention**. Upon the Confirmation Date, any requirement that Professionals comply with sections 327 through 331 of the Bankruptcy Code in seeking retention or compensation for services rendered after such date shall terminate, and the Reorganized Debtor shall employ and pay Professionals in the ordinary course of business (including the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by Professionals in preparing, reviewing and prosecuting or addressing any issues with respect to final fee applications).
- 2.4 Priority Tax Claims. On the Distribution Date, except to the extent that the Debtor (or Reorganized Debtor) and a Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agree to a less favorable treatment, each Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim due and payable on or before the Effective Date shall receive one of the following treatments on account of such Claim: (a) Cash in an amount equal to the amount of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, (b) Cash in an amount agreed to by the Debtor (or the Reorganized Debtor) and such Holder, provided, however, that such parties may further agree for the payment of such Allowed Priority Tax

Claim to occur at a later date, or (c) at the sole option of the Debtor, Cash in the aggregate amount of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim payable in installment payments over a period of not more than five (5) years after the Petition Date pursuant to section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code. To the extent any Allowed Priority Tax Claim is not due and owing on the Effective Date, such Claim shall be paid in full in Cash in accordance with the terms of any agreement between the Debtor and the Holder of such Claim, or as may be due and payable under applicable non-bankruptcy law or in the ordinary course of business.

2.5 Payment of Certain Indenture Trustee Fees. On the Effective Date, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor shall pay the reasonable, documented fees and expenses (subject to redaction to preserve attorney-client privilege) of the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee incurred during the Chapter 11 Case, including all attorneys' fees, in an amount not to exceed \$740,000.00; provided, however, nothing herein shall prejudice the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee's right under the Subordinated Notes Indenture to assert a Charging Lien for any additional and outstanding fees and expenses incurred prior to and after the Effective Date. Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, nothing herein shall be deemed to impair or negatively impact the Charging Lien, which Charging Lien is hereby expressly preserved. On the Effective Date, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor shall pay the reasonable, documented and estimated, unpaid fees and expenses (subject to redaction to preserve attorney-client privilege) of the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee incurred during the Chapter 11 Case, including but not limited to all professionals' fees.

ARTICLE III

CLASSIFICATION, TREATMENT, AND VOTING OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

3.1 Classification of Claims and Interests.

(a) Pursuant to sections 1122 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, set forth below is a designation of classes of Claims against and Interests in the Debtor. A Claim or Interest is placed in a particular Class for the purposes of voting on the Plan and, to the extent applicable, receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan only to the extent that such Claim or Interest is an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Interest in that Class and such Claim or Interest has not been paid, released, or otherwise settled prior to the Effective Date. In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Claims and Priority Tax Claims of the kinds specified in sections 507(a)(1) and 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code have not been classified and their treatment is set forth in Article II above.

(b) Claims and Interests are divided into lettered Classes as set forth below:

Class	Claim or Interest			t	Status	Voting Rights
A1	Senior Claims	Notes	Eligible	Holder	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
A2	Senior	Not	es Al	ternative	Impaired	Entitled to Vote

Class	Claim or Interest	Status	Voting Rights
	Distribution Claims		
В	Other Secured Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
C	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	Presumed to Accept
D	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
E	Subordinated Notes Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
F	Vernon Tort Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
G	Intercompany Claims	Unimpaired	Presumed to Accept
Н	Other Subordinated Claims	Impaired	Deemed to Reject
I	Interests in Exide	Impaired	Deemed to Reject

ARTICLE IV

PROVISIONS FOR TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

4.1 Class A – Senior Notes Claims.

- (a) Class A1 Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims
- (i) Classification: Class A1 consists of all Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims.
- (ii) Treatment: In full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class A1 Claim, on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter, each Holder of an Allowed Class A1 Claim shall receive:
 - (1) on account of such Holder's Senior Notes Secured

Claims:

(A) its Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Class A1 Claims and Allowed Class A2 Claims that make the Senior Notes Stock Election, of 10.0% of the New Exide Common Stock after giving effect to conversion of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes (prior to dilution on account of the MIP and any paid-in-kind interest accruing on the New Second Lien Convertible Notes prior to conversion);

- (B) the right to participate, on a Pro Rata basis, in the Rights Offering; and
- (C) the right to participate, on a Pro Rata basis, in the DIP Term Loan Refinancing Investment Option; <u>provided</u> that such investor's participation shall be capped at its Pro Rata share of its Senior Notes Claims; and
- Claims, such Holder shall be a beneficiary of the GUC Trust and shall receive its Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D, and Allowed Class E Claims, of the net proceeds of the GUC Trust Assets, subject to the allocation and distribution formulas included in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement; provided, however, to allow for holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims to receive GUC Trust Distributions up to what they would have been entitled to receive on a hypothetical pro rata basis absent the GUC Trust Settlement, (i) the Preference Proceeds Distribution shall be allocated and distributed Pro Rata to Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims, after which any additional net proceeds from GUC Trust Preference Actions shall be distributed Pro Rata based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D Claims, and Allowed Class E Claims in accordance with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement; and (ii) the Additional Distribution shall be allocated and distributed to Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims.
- (3) Each Holder of an Allowed Class A1 Claim shall waive all subordination rights in favor of the Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims vis-à-vis the holders of Subordinated Notes, and all such rights to enforce subordination shall be settled, compromised, and released under this Plan. If for any reason subordination is enforced on or after the Effective Date, Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims voting in favor of the Plan shall not enforce or benefit from turnover of any distributions to be made to Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims or shall repay to the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims any amounts turned over so that the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims receive the benefit of such waiver.

In order to receive any distribution on account of a Holder's Class A1 Senior Notes Secured Claim, such Holder must complete an Eligible Holder Certification.

- (iii) Voting: Class A1 is Impaired and Holders of Allowed Class A1 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- (iv) A vote by a Holder of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims to accept the Plan shall also constitute (i) a direction by such Holder to the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, pursuant to section 6.05 of the Senior Notes Indenture, not to pursue payment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations beyond any payment provided in the Plan and (ii) a consent by such Holder, pursuant to section 9.02 of the Senior Notes Indenture, to amendments to the Senior Notes Indenture to (a) waive payment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations beyond any payment provided in the Plan and (b) allow for release of the Lien securing the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations. Such amendments to the Senior

Notes Indenture shall become effective as of the Effective Date of the Plan without any further action by any party.

- (b) Class A2 Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims.
- (i) Classification: Class A2 consists of all Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims.
- (ii) Treatment: In full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class A2 Claim, as soon as practicable after the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline, each Holder of a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim shall receive:
 - (1) on account of such Holder's Senior Notes Secured Claims:
 - (A) if such Holder does not make a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election, its Pro Rata share of the Alternative Distribution Cash; or
 - (B) if such Holder makes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election, the right to participate, on a Pro Rata basis, in the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering; provided that if a Holder makes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election, such Holder must also make a Senior Notes Stock Election;

and

- (C) if such Holder does not make a Senior Notes Stock Election, its Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments; or
- (D) if such Holder makes a Senior Notes Stock Election, its Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Class A1 Claims and Allowed Class A2 Claims that make the Senior Notes Stock Election, of 10.0% of the New Exide Common Stock after giving effect to conversion of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes (prior to dilution on account of the MIP and any paid-in-kind interest accruing on the New Second Lien Convertible Notes prior to conversion); and
- (2) on account of such Holder's Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, such Holder shall be a beneficiary of the GUC Trust and shall receive its Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D Claims, and Allowed Class E Claims, of the net proceeds of the GUC Trust Assets, subject to the allocation and distribution formulas included in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement; provided, however, to allow for holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims to receive GUC Trust Distributions up to what they would have been entitled to receive on a hypothetical pro rata basis absent the GUC Trust Settlement, (i) the Preference Proceeds Distribution shall be allocated and distributed Pro

Rata to Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims, after which any additional net proceeds from GUC Trust Preference Actions shall be distributed Pro Rata based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D Claims, and Allowed Class E Claims in accordance with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement; and (ii) the Additional Distribution shall be allocated and distributed to Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims.

(3) Each Holder of an Allowed Class A2 Claim shall waive all subordination rights in favor of the Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims vis-à-vis the holders of Subordinated Notes, and all such rights to enforce subordination shall be settled, compromised, and released under this Plan. If for any reason subordination is enforced on or after the Effective Date, Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims voting in favor of the Plan shall not enforce or benefit from turnover of any distributions to be made to Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims or shall repay to the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims any amounts turned over so that the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims receive the benefit of such waiver. For the avoidance of doubt the waiver of subordination rights described in this Article 4.1(b)(ii)(3) shall not include, and not be enforced against, Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims that voted against the Plan; provided further that Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims that voted against the Plan may only enforce their subordination rights vis-à-vis Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims to the extent of their Pro Rata share of any distributions that would otherwise be made to all Holders of Senior Notes, but for the waiver of subordination provided for in this Plan.

In order to receive any distribution on account of a Holder's Class A2 Senior Notes Secured Claim, such Holder must complete a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Certification. If such Holder makes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election, such Holder must complete a Senior Notes Rights Offering Certification.

- (iii) Voting: Class A2 is Impaired and Holders of Allowed Class A2 Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- (iv) A vote by a Holder of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims to accept the Plan shall also constitute (i) a direction by such Holder to the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, pursuant to section 6.05 of the Senior Notes Indenture, not to pursue payment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations beyond any payment provided in the Plan and (ii) a consent by such Holder, pursuant to section 9.02 of the Senior Notes Indenture, to amendments to the Senior Notes Indenture to (a) waive payment of the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations beyond any payment provided in the Plan and (b) allow for release of the Lien securing the Noteholder Adequate Protection Obligations. Such amendments to the Senior Notes Indenture shall become effective as of the Effective Date of the Plan without any further action by any party.

4.2 Class B – Other Secured Claims.

(a) Classification: Class B consists of all Other Secured Claims.

- (b) Treatment: Except as otherwise provided in and subject to Article 11.6 of this Plan, and except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Class B Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class B Claim, each such Holder of an Allowed Class B Claim shall, at the sole option of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable:
- (i) have its Allowed Class B Claim Reinstated and rendered Unimpaired in accordance with section 1124(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable non-bankruptcy law that entitles the Holder of an Allowed Class B Claim to demand or receive payment of such Allowed Class B Claim prior to the stated maturity of such Allowed Class B Claim from and after the occurrence of a default;
- (ii) be paid in full in Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Class B Claim, including postpetition interest, if any, on such Allowed Class B Claim required to be paid pursuant to section 506 of the Bankruptcy Code as the case may be, on the first Periodic Distribution Date occurring after the later of (x) the Effective Date and (y) the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Class B Claim;
- (iii) receive distributions of Cash payments in equal installments over a period not to exceed seven years from the Effective Date plus interest accruing at the Other Secured Claim Interest Rate, and to the extent, if any, that an Other Secured Claim is entitled to postpetition interest pursuant to section 506 of the Bankruptcy Code for the period between the Petition Date and the Effective Date, such interest shall accrue at the applicable non-default contractual rate or statutory rate, as the case may be, and be included in the Allowed amount of such Other Secured Claim; or
- (iv) receive the collateral securing its Allowed Class B Claim free and clear of Liens, Claims, and encumbrances on the first Periodic Distribution Date occurring after the later of (x) the Effective Date and (y) the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Class B Claim; <u>provided</u> that such collateral, as of the day prior to the Effective Date, was property of the Estate.

Nothing in this <u>Article 4.2</u> or elsewhere in this Plan shall preclude the Debtor (or the Reorganized Debtor) from challenging the validity of any alleged Lien or any asset of the Debtor or the value of the property that secures any alleged Lien.

(c) Voting: Class B is Impaired, and the Holders of Allowed Class B Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.3 Class C – Other Priority Claims.

- (a) Classification: Class C consists of all Other Priority Claims.
- (b) Treatment: Except as otherwise provided in and subject to Article 11.6 of this Plan, and except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Class C Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class C Claim, each such Holder of an Allowed Class C Claim shall be paid in full in Cash on the first Periodic Distribution Date occurring after the later

- of (i) the Effective Date and (ii) the date such Other Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Claim; provided, however, that Other Priority Claims that arise in the ordinary course of the Debtor's business and which are not due and payable on or before the Effective Date shall be paid in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the terms thereof.
- (c) Voting: Class C is Unimpaired, and Holders of Allowed Class C Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Allowed Class C Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.4 Class D – General Unsecured Claims.

- (a) Classification: Class D consists of all General Unsecured Claims.
- (b) Treatment: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Class D Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class D Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class D Claim shall be a beneficiary of the GUC Trust and shall receive its Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D Claims, and Allowed Class E Claims, of the net proceeds of the GUC Trust Assets, subject to the allocation and distribution formulas included in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement.
- (c) Voting: Class D is Impaired and Holders of Allowed Class D Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.5 Class E – Subordinated Notes Claims.

- (a) Classification: Class E consists of all Subordinated Notes Claims.
- (b) Treatment: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Class E Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class E Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class E Claim shall be a beneficiary of the GUC Trust and shall receive its Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed Class D Claims, and Allowed Class E Claims, of the net proceeds of the GUC Trust Assets, subject to the allocation and distribution formulas included in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement. In addition, any subordination rights in favor of Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims and/or Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims vis-à-vis Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims shall be waived and all such rights to enforce subordination shall be settled, compromised, and released under this Plan. If for any reason subordination is enforced on or after the Effective Date, Holders of Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims and/or Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims voting in favor of the Plan shall not enforce or benefit from turnover of any distributions to be made to Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims or shall repay to the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims any amounts turned over so that the Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims receive the benefit of such waiver.

(c) Voting: Class E is Impaired and Holders of Allowed Class E Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.6 Class F – Vernon Tort Claims.

- (a) Classification: Class F consists of all Vernon Tort Claims. Upon the Effective Date of the Plan, the plaintiffs in the Vernon Personal Injury Litigation who are members of the Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group and who have not previously filed timely proofs of Claim in the Chapter 11 Case shall be deemed to participate in Class F under the Plan and in the Vernon Tort Trust as if they had filed timely proofs of Claim, and further shall file proofs of Claim as soon as practicable.
- (b) Treatment: Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Class F Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment:
- (i) if Class F votes to accept the Plan in accordance with section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of and in exchange for each and every Allowed Class F Claim, each Holder of an Allowed Class F Claim:
 - (1) shall exchange their Claims for their Pro Rata share of beneficial interests in the Vernon Tort Claims Trust; and
 - (2) the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall be authorized to proceed with Claims in accordance with Articles VIII and 12.7 of this Plan and the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet; or
- (ii) if Class F does not vote to accept the Plan in accordance with section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, Holders of Allowed Class F Claims shall not receive any distributions on account of such Allowed Class F Claims.
- (c) Voting: Class F is Impaired and Holders of Allowed Class F Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.7 Class G – Intercompany Claims.

- (a) Classification: Class G consists of all Intercompany Claims.
- (b) Treatment: On the Effective Date, all net Allowed Class G Claims (taking into account any setoffs of Intercompany Claims) held by the Debtor between and among any Affiliate of the Debtor shall, at the election of the Reorganized Debtor, be either (i) Reinstated, (ii) released, waived, and discharged, (iii) treated as a dividend, or (iv) contributed
- (1) Reinstated, (11) released, waived, and discharged, (iii) treated as a dividend, or (iv) contributed to capital or exchanged for equity of a Subsidiary of the Debtor.
- (c) Voting: Class G is Unimpaired, and Holders of Allowed Class G Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Allowed Class G Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.8 Class H – Other Subordinated Claims.

- (a) Classification: Class H consists of all Bankruptcy Code section 510(b) and (c) Claims.
- (b) Treatment: Holders of Allowed Class H Claims shall not receive any distributions on account of such Allowed Class H Claims.
- (c) Voting: Class H is Impaired, and Holders of Allowed Class H Claims are deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Allowed Class H Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

4.9 Class I – Interests in Exide.

- (a) Classification: Class I consists of all Interests in Exide.
- (b) Treatment: On the Effective Date, Allowed Class I Interests shall be deemed automatically cancelled, released, and extinguished without further action by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor and the obligations of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor thereunder shall be discharged.
- (c) Voting: Class I is Impaired, and Holders of Allowed Class I Interests are deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Allowed Class I Interests are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

ARTICLE V

ACCEPTANCE

- 5.1 Classes Entitled to Vote. Classes A1, A2, B, D, E, and F are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan. By operation of law, each Unimpaired Class of Claims is deemed to have accepted this Plan and, therefore, is not entitled to vote. By operation of law, Classes H and I are deemed to have rejected this Plan and are not entitled to vote.
- 5.2 Acceptance by Impaired Classes. An Impaired Class of Claims shall have accepted this Plan if, not counting the vote of any Holder designated under section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, (a) the Holders of at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims actually voting in the Class have voted to accept this Plan and (b) the Holders of more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims actually voting in the Class have voted to accept the Plan.
- 5.3 Elimination of Classes. To the extent applicable, any Class that does not contain any Allowed Claims or any Claims temporarily allowed for voting purposes under Bankruptcy Rule 3018, as of the date of commencement of the Confirmation Hearing, shall be deemed to have been deleted from this Plan for purposes of (a) voting to accept or reject this Plan and (b) determining whether it has accepted or rejected this Plan under section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 5.4 Deemed Acceptance if No Votes Cast. If no Holders of Claims eligible to vote in a particular Class vote to accept or reject the Plan, this Plan shall be deemed accepted by the Holders of such Claims in such Class.
- 5.5 Cramdown. To the extent necessary, the Debtor shall request confirmation of this Plan, as it may be modified from time to time, under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor reserves the right to modify this Plan with the consent of the Backstop Parties and Consenting Creditors to the extent, if any, that confirmation pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code requires modification.

ARTICLE VI

MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

6.1 General Settlement of Claims and Interests. Pursuant to section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration for the classification, distributions, releases, and other benefits provided under the Plan, on the Effective Date, the provision of the Plan shall constitute good-faith compromise and settlement of all Claims and Interests and controversies resolved pursuant to the Plan.

6.2 Plan Funding.

- (a) Exit ABL Revolver Facility. On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall enter into the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, the final form and substance of which shall be acceptable to the Reorganized Debtor, the Required Consenting Creditors, and the Requisite Backstop Parties. Confirmation shall be deemed approval of the Exit ABL Revolver Facility (including the transactions contemplated thereby, such as any supplementation or additional syndication of the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations to be incurred by the Reorganized Debtor in connection therewith, including the payment of all fees, indemnities, and expenses provided for therein) and authorization for the Reorganized Debtor to enter into and execute the Exit ABL Revolver Facility documents and such other documents as the Exit ABL Revolver Facility Lenders may reasonably require to effectuate the treatment afforded to such lenders pursuant to the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, subject to such modifications as the Reorganized Debtor may deem to be reasonably necessary to consummate such Exit ABL Revolver Facility.
- (b) **New First Lien High Yield Notes**. On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall issue the New First Lien High Yield Notes, the terms of which are summarized in Exhibit 6.2(b) of this Plan, and the final form of which shall be acceptable to the Reorganized Debtor, the Required Consenting Creditors, and the Requisite Backstop Parties. The Debtor is authorized to issue the New First Lien High Yield Notes without the need for any further corporate action or without any further action by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.
- (c) New Second Lien Convertible Notes. On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall issue the New Second Lien Convertible Notes, the terms of which are summarized in Exhibit 6.2(c) of this

Plan, and the final form of which shall be acceptable to the Reorganized Debtor, the Required Consenting Creditors, and the Requisite Backstop Parties. The Debtor is authorized to issue the New Second Lien Convertible Notes without the need for any further corporate action or without any further action by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.

- (d) Other Plan Funding. Other than as set forth in Articles 6.2(a), 6.2(b), and 6.2(c) of this Plan, all Cash necessary for the Reorganized Debtor to make payments required by this Plan shall be obtained from the Debtor's Cash balances then on hand, after giving effect to the transactions contemplated herein.
- 6.3 Authorization and Issuance of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments. On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall authorize Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments. The Debtor is authorized to make the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments without the need for any further corporate action or without any further action by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.

6.4 Authorization and Issuance of New Exide Common Stock.

- (a) On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall authorize and issue the New Exide Common Stock in accordance with the New Exide Common Stock Allocation. Distribution of New Exide Common Stock hereunder shall constitute issuance of 100% of the New Exide Common Stock and shall be deemed issued on the Effective Date. The issuance of New Exide Common Stock by the Reorganized Debtor, including options for the purchase thereof or other equity awards, if any, providing for the issuance of New Exide Common Stock, is authorized without the need for any further corporate action or without any further action by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.
- (b) The New Exide Common Stock issued under this Plan shall be subject to economic and legal dilution from (i) the conversion of New Second Lien Convertible Notes into New Exide Common Stock pursuant on the terms described in Exhibit 6.2(c) (ii) the issuance of New Exide Common Stock pursuant to the exercises of stock options and restricted stock issuable pursuant to the MIP as set forth in Article 6.16(b) of the Plan; (iii) incremental consideration of 10.0% to be paid-in-kind with additional New Second Lien Convertible Notes prior to conversion; and (iv) any other shares of New Exide Common Stock issued after the Effective Date.
- (c) All of the shares of New Exide Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.
- 6.5 Exemptions from Securities Act Registration Requirements. The offering, issuance, and distribution of any Securities pursuant to the Plan and any and all settlement agreements incorporated therein will be exempt from the registration requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act pursuant to section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act, as applicable. Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act exempts transactions not involving a public offering, and section 506 of Regulation D of the Securities Act provides a safe harbor under

section 4(a)(2) for transactions that meet certain requirements. In addition, under section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, if applicable, any Securities issued pursuant to the Plan and any and all settlement agreements incorporated therein will be freely transferable under the Securities Act by the recipients thereof, subject to (1) the provisions of section 1145(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code relating to the definition of an underwriter in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act, and compliance with any applicable state or foreign securities laws, if any, and the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, if any, applicable at the time of any future transfer of such Securities or instruments, (2) the restrictions, if any, on the transferability of such Securities and instruments, including restrictions contained in the Backstop Commitment Agreement, and (3) any other applicable regulatory approval. In reliance upon these exemptions, the offer, issuance, and distribution of Securities will not be registered under the Securities Act or any applicable state Blue Sky Laws, and may not be transferred, encumbered or otherwise disposed of in the absence of such registration or an exemption therefrom under the Securities Act or under such laws and regulations thereunder. Accordingly, the Securities may be subject to restrictions on transfer as set forth in the governing documents to such Securities. New Exide Common Stock will bear a legend relating to the transfer restrictions applicable to such stock. The New First Lien High Yield Notes and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes will bear customary legends on the face thereof.

- 6.6 Cancellation of Old Exide Securities and Agreements. Effective Date, except as otherwise specifically provided for herein (a) the Old Exide Securities and any other note, bond, indenture, Certificate, or other instrument or document evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of or ownership interest in the Debtor (including the Indentures), shall be cancelled and (b) the obligations of, Claims against, and/or Interests in the Debtor under, relating, or pertaining to any agreements, indentures, certificates of designation, bylaws, or certificate or articles of incorporation or similar documents governing the Old Exide Securities, and any other note, bond, indenture, Certificate, or other instrument or document evidencing or creating any indebtedness or obligation of the Debtor, as the case may be, shall be released and discharged and cancelled; provided, however, that any agreement (including the Indentures) that governs the rights of a Holder of a Claim and that is administered by a Servicer shall continue in effect solely for the purposes of allowing such Servicer to (i) make the distributions on account of such Claims under this Plan as provided for in Article 11.5(d) of this Plan and (ii) maintain and exercise their Charging Lien or other right to priority payment of its fees and expenses under the Indentures.
- 6.7 Issuance of New Securities; Execution of Plan Documents. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall issue all Securities, notes, instruments, Certificates, and other documents required to be issued pursuant to the Plan.

6.8 Continued Corporate Existence.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Debtor shall continue to exist after the Effective Date as a separate entity, the Reorganized Debtor, with all the powers of a corporation under applicable law in the jurisdiction in which the Debtor is incorporated and pursuant to its certificate of incorporation and bylaws or other organizational documents in effect prior to the Effective Date, except to the extent such certificate of incorporation and bylaws or

other organization documents are amended and restated by this Plan, without prejudice to any right to terminate such existence (whether by merger or otherwise) under applicable law after the Effective Date. To the extent such documents are amended, such documents are deemed to be amended pursuant to the Plan without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction (other than the requisite filings required under applicable state, provincial, or federal law).

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the continued existence, operation, and ownership of Affiliates is a material component of the business of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and, as set forth in <u>Article 12.1</u> of this Plan, all of the Debtor's equity interests and other property interests in such Affiliates shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor or its successor on the Effective Date.

6.9 Restructuring Transactions.

- (a) On or following the Confirmation Date, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, shall take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the relevant restructuring transactions as set forth in the Plan, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, and the Plan Support Agreement, and may take other actions on or after the Effective Date. The anticipated post-Effective Date structure of the Reorganized Debtor is attached hereto as Exhibit 6.9.
- (b) The restructuring transactions may include without limitation (i) the execution and delivery of appropriate agreements or other documents of merger, consolidation, or reorganization containing terms that are consistent with the terms of the Plan and that satisfy the requirements of applicable law; (ii) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments of transfer, assignment, assumption, guaranty, or delegation of any property, right, liability, duty, or obligation on terms consistent with the terms of the Plan; (iii) the filing of appropriate certificates of incorporation, merger, consolidation, or dissolution with the appropriate governmental authorities under applicable law; and (iv) all other actions that the Debtor and Reorganized Debtor determine are necessary or appropriate, including the making of filings or recordings in connection with the relevant restructuring transactions. The form of each restructuring transaction shall be determined by the board of directors of the Debtor or the New Board. Implementation of the restructuring transactions shall not affect distributions under the Plan.
- 6.10 Rights Offering. The Debtor and the Backstop Parties shall implement and conduct the Rights Offering in accordance with the Backstop Commitment Agreement and the Rights Offering Procedures. The Rights Offering shall be open to Eligible Holders and shall consist of a distribution of Rights Offering Eligible Holder Subscription Rights and Rights Offering Eligible Holder Oversubscription Rights to participate in the Rights Offering on a Pro Rata basis in proportion to the principal amount of Senior Notes Claims such Holder holds on the Record Date. The Backstop Parties will, severally, and not jointly, backstop up to \$160 million of the Rights Offering and shall receive incremental consideration of: (a) 5.0% to be paid-in-kind with additional First Lien High Yield Notes, (b) 10.0% to be paid-in-kind with New Second Lien Convertible Notes, and (c) 5.0% of New Exide Common Stock.

6.11 Reserved.

- 6.12 Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Reorganized Debtor, substantially in the form contained in Exhibit 6.12, shall be adopted and amended as may be required so that they are consistent with the provisions of this Plan and otherwise comply with section 1123(a)(6) the Bankruptcy Code. After the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor may amend and restate its Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and other constituent documents as permitted by applicable state corporation law and its charters and bylaws.
- 6.13 Directors and Officers of the Reorganized Debtor. On the Effective Date, the term of the current members of the board of directors of Exide shall expire, and the New Board as selected by the majority of the Backstop Parties and the Holders of DIP Term Loan Claims that participate in the DIP/Second Lien Conversion Option, shall be appointed. On and after the Effective Date, each director or officer of the Reorganized Debtor shall serve pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and applicable state corporation law.
- 6.14 Corporate Action. Each of the matters provided for under this Plan involving the corporate structure of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor or corporate action to be taken by or required of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor shall, as of the Effective Date, be deemed to have occurred and be effective as provided herein, and shall be authorized, approved, and to the extent taken prior to the Effective Date, ratified in all respects without any requirement of further action by stockholders, creditors, or directors of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor. Such actions may include, without limitation, (a) the adoption and filing of the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, (b) the appointment of the New Board, (c) the adoption and implementation of the MIP, (d) the issuance and distribution of New Exide Common Stock, (e) entry into the Exit ABL Revolver Facility, (f) issuance of the New First Lien High Yield Notes, and (g) issuance of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes.
- 6.15 Effectuating Documents; Further Transactions. On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor, and the officers thereof and members of the New Board, shall be authorized to and may issue, execute, deliver, file, or record such contracts, Securities, instruments, releases, indentures, and other agreements or documents, and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement, and further evidence the terms and conditions of this Plan, or to otherwise comply with applicable law, in the name of and on behalf of the Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any approvals, authorizations, or consents except for those expressly required pursuant to the Plan.

6.16 Employment, Retirement, Indemnification and Other Agreements and Employee Compensation Programs.

(a) Employment Agreements. To the extent that the Debtor intends for any employment, severance (change in control), retirement, indemnification or other agreement with its respective active directors, officers, managing members and employees to remain in place after the Effective Date (the terms of which shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Required Consenting Creditors and the Requisite Backstop Parties), the Debtor will list such

agreement on the list of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" contained in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan, and such agreement will be assumed as of the Effective Date. If the Debtor does not list such agreement on the list of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" contained in Exhibit 9.1, such agreement shall be deemed rejected. The Debtor shall enter into new employment arrangements and/or change in control agreements with the Debtor's officers who continue to be employed after the Effective Date; provided, however, that to enter into or to obtain the benefits of any such employment agreement, such executive officer must contractually waive and release all pre-existing claims, including those arising from pre-existing employment, change in control or other employment-related agreements and/or benefits under certain pre-existing compensation and benefit arrangements. On the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall adopt, approve, and authorize the new employment arrangement and/or change in control agreement with respect to such officers of the Reorganized Debtor without further action, order, or approval of the New Board.

- (b) **Employee Compensation Plans**. On the Effective Date, the Employee Compensation Plans shall be deemed adopted, approved, and authorized without further action of the Reorganized Debtor or the New Board, and the Reorganized Debtor shall assume any obligations that remain outstanding as of the Effective Date under any of the Employee Compensation Plans, and anything so implemented shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Required Consenting Creditors and the Requisite Backstop Parties on the Effective Date.
- specified in this Plan, and except in connection and not inconsistent with Articles 6.16(a) and 6.16(b), on and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall have the sole discretion to (a) amend, adopt, assume, and/or honor, in the ordinary course of business or as otherwise provided herein, any contracts, agreements, policies, programs, and plans for, among other things, compensation, pursuant to the terms thereof or hereof, including any incentive plan, 401(k) plan, health care benefits, disability benefits, deferred compensation benefits, savings, severance benefits, retirement benefits, welfare benefits, workers' compensation benefits, life insurance, and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for the directors, officers, and employees of the Debtor who served in such capacity from and after the Petition Date, and (b) honor, in the ordinary course of business, Claims of employees employed as of the Effective Date for accrued vacation time arising prior to the Petition Date.

As of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall continue the Pension Plan in accordance with, and subject to, their terms, ERISA, and the Internal Revenue Code, and shall preserve all of their rights thereunder. PBGC and the Debtor agree that all proofs of Claim filed by PBGC conditioned upon the termination of the Pension Plan shall be deemed to be withdrawn as of the Plan's Effective Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, PBGC's proof of claim number 2377 shall remain a valid Claim against the Debtor, but only to the extent that it asserts a Claim for flat and variable rate premiums due to PBGC, subject to the rights and defenses of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, under applicable law.

After the Effective Date, subject to the Reorganized Debtor's rights, if any, under applicable non-bankruptcy law, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Reorganized Debtor shall continue to pay all retiree benefits, as that term is defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, at the level established pursuant to subsection (e)(1)(B) or (g) of section 1114 of the

Bankruptcy Code, at any time prior to Confirmation, for the duration of the period the Debtor has obligated itself to provide such benefits.

otherwise specified in this Plan, and unless previously assumed by the Debtor, on the Effective Date, the Debtor, pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall assume and continue to perform all obligations required under all Collective Bargaining Agreements (subject to the terms and conditions of any such Collective Bargaining Agreement and, in the event that a Collective Bargaining Agreement expires pursuant to its terms and subject to applicable law, the agreement of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and the applicable union on new terms). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the cure obligations, if any, related to the assumption of each of the Collective Bargaining Agreements, shall be satisfied by the Reorganized Debtor by payment, in the ordinary course, of all obligations arising under the Collective Bargaining Agreements. All proofs of Claim filed by any union for amounts due under any Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be considered satisfied by the agreement and obligation to assume and cure in the ordinary course as provided herein.

Preservation Of Causes Of Action. In accordance with section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Reorganized Debtor shall retain and may (but is not required to) enforce all rights to commence and pursue any and all Causes of Action that are not (a) released pursuant to Article 12.6 of this Plan or an order of the Bankruptcy Court or (b) GUC Trust Causes of Action, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, including any actions or categories of actions specifically enumerated in Exhibit 6.17, and such Causes of Action shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor as of the Effective Date. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine whether to bring, settle, release, compromise, or enforce such Causes of Action (or decline to do any of the foregoing), and shall not be required to seek further approval of the Bankruptcy Court for such action. The Reorganized Debtor or any successors may pursue such litigation claims in accordance with the best interests of the Reorganized Debtor or any successor holding such rights of action. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Disclosure Statement to any Cause of Action against them as any indication that the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor will not pursue any and all available Causes of Action against them. The Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor expressly reserve all rights to prosecute any and all Causes of Action against any Entity, except as otherwise provided in the Plan. Unless any Causes of Action against an Entity are expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or an order of the Bankruptcy Court, the Reorganized Debtor expressly reserves all Causes of Action for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of Confirmation or consummation of the Plan; provided, however, solely with respect to Avoidance Actions, only those Avoidance Actions specifically enumerated on Exhibit 6.17 shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor and only those Avoidance Actions specifically enumerated on Exhibit 7.3 shall vest in the GUC Trust, and all other Avoidance Actions shall be waived. For the avoidance of doubt, GUC Trust Causes of Action shall not include any Causes of Action that were released pursuant to the XL Accommodations Order.

- Intellectual Property Monetization. Pursuant to the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, the Reorganized Debtor shall continue to pursue monetization of intellectual property through offset or similar transactions that are identified by the Reorganized Debtor (in its reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the GUC Trust Trustee) as enhancing the Reorganized Debtor's profitability or being reasonably likely to yield meaningful realization of value from the intellectual property. After the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall retain the IP Advisor to advise the Reorganized Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee on identification, structuring and execution of IP Transactions. The Reorganized Debtor shall pay the IP Advisor for its reasonable fees and expenses until 24 months after the Effective Date (subject to automatic extension to complete any IP Transactions pending consummation). The GUC Trust Trustee shall periodically present the status of IP Transactions to the New Board and shall otherwise have reasonable periodic access to the New Board. On the first anniversary of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee shall meet and confer on the status of the IP Transactions and determine whether or not to continue the retention of the IP Advisor or terminate pursuit of the IP Transactions.
- 6.19 Reservation of Rights. With respect to any Avoidance Actions that the Debtor abandons in accordance with Article 6.17 of this Plan, the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, reserve all rights, including the right under section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code to use defensively the abandoned avoidance cause of action as a basis to object to all or any part of a claim against any Estate asserted by a creditor which remains in possession of, or otherwise obtains the benefit of, the avoidable transfer.
- 6.20 Exemption from Certain Transfer Taxes and Recording Fees. Pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers of property pursuant to the Plan shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, stamp act, real estate transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, or other similar tax or governmental assessment to the fullest extent contemplated by section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents to forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and to accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax or governmental assessment.
- 6.21 Insured Claims Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, to the extent the Debtor has insurance with respect to any Allowed General Unsecured Claim, the Holder of such Allowed Claim shall (a) be paid any amount from the proceeds of insurance to the extent that the Claim is insured, and (b) receive the treatment provided for in this Plan for Allowed General Unsecured Claims to the extent the applicable insurance policy does not provide coverage with respect to any portion of the Claim.

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS TRUST

7.1 Execution of GUC Trust Agreement. On or before the Effective Date, the GUC Trust Agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 7.1 to this Plan, shall be executed by the Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee, and all other necessary steps shall be taken

to establish the GUC Trust, including establishment of the GUC Trust Board. The GUC Trust shall be governed and administered in accordance with the GUC Trust Agreement, including, but not limited to (a) distributions to Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims, and the Senior Notes Deficiency Claim, as provided in Articles 4.4(b) and 4.5(b) of this Plan, whether their Claims are Allowed on or after the Effective Date, (b) compensation of the GUC Trust Trustee, and (c) payment of costs and expenses of the GUC Trust, all of which shall be consistent with the terms of this Plan and the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement. The GUC Trust Agreement may provide powers, duties and authority in addition to those explicitly stated herein, but only to the extent that such powers, duties and authority do not conflict with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement and do not affect the status of the GUC Trust as a liquidating trust for United States federal income tax purposes. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Article 7.1 and the Terms of the GUC Trust Agreement, the terms of the GUC Trust Agreement shall govern.

- 7.2 Tax Treatment. It is intended that the GUC Trust be classified for federal income tax purposes as a "liquidating trust" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-4(d) and as a "grantor trust" within the meaning of Sections 671 through 679 of the Internal Revenue Code. In furtherance of this objective, the GUC Trust Trustee shall, in its business judgment, make continuing best efforts not to unduly prolong the duration of the GUC Trust. All assets held by the GUC Trust on the Effective Date shall be deemed for federal income tax purposes to have been distributed by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor on a Pro Rata share basis to Holders of Senior Notes Deficiency Claims and Holders of Allowed Other General Unsecured Claims and then contributed by such Holders to the GUC Trust in exchange for their interest in the GUC Trust. All Holders shall use the valuation of the assets transferred to the GUC Trust as established by the GUC Trust Trustee for all federal income tax purposes. The beneficiaries under the GUC Trust will be treated as the deemed owners of the GUC Trust. The GUC Trust will be responsible for filing information on behalf of the GUC Trust as grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4(a).
- 7.3 GUC Trust Assets. On the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the GUC Trust Assets shall be transferred by the Debtor (and deemed transferred) to the GUC Trust free and clear of all Claims, Liens, charges, encumbrances, rights, and interests, without the need for any Entity to take any further action or obtain any approval and the GUC Trust shall be authorized as the representative of the Estate to pursue GUC Trust Causes of Action.

7.4 LME Pricing Claims Protocols.

Debtor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the GUC Trust Trustee in connection with investigating and prosecuting any LME Pricing Claims, including, but not limited to, providing documents or communications as required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the GUC Trust Trustee will seek to preserve and protect all applicable privileges and work-product relating to the LME Pricing Claims. In connection with the LME Pricing Claims, any applicable privilege of the Debtor, the Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Creditors' Committee, including but not limited to any attorney-client privilege or work-product privilege attaching to any documents or communications (whether written or oral) associated with the

LME Pricing Claims, and all defenses, claims, counterclaims and rights of setoff or recoupment shall vest in the GUC Trust and may be asserted by the GUC Trust Trustee. The GUC Trust Trustee's receipt of such information shall not waive such privileges and all such privileges are The Confirmation Order shall include a provision addressing the transfer and preservation of all such privileges, and shall provide that the Debtor, the Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, the GUC Trust Trustee, or the Creditors' Committee shall have no right to waive any such privileges or disclose material protected by such privileges unless compelled to do so by order of a court or regulatory agency. The Confirmation Order shall also provide that the GUC Trust Trustee and the Creditors' Committee are prohibited from making any assignment or transfer to a third party of any such privileges or information protected by such privileges that is received from the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor. In anticipation of entry of the Confirmation Order governing the disclosure of privileged and/or work-product related material, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee will confer and agree with regard to the scope of material that relates to the LME Pricing Claims to ensure that the scope of any transfer or disclosure is limited only to the LME Pricing Claims. Material that is not directly related to the LME Pricing Claims will be redacted and/or not disclosed to the GUC Trust Trustee. As soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor will provide material relating to the LME Pricing Claims to the GUC Trust Trustee. The Debtor's special counsel, King & Spalding, will retain a copy of the disclosed material in the event that it is asked to respond in any subsequent proceeding.

- (b) Pursuant to the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, additional counsel to continue investigating and/or prosecuting any LME Pricing Claims, if any, may be retained by the GUC Trust on a contingency basis on prevailing market terms for private antitrust actions. Expert witnesses, if any, will be retained on prevailing market terms for private antitrust actions. If fees for any professionals described in this paragraph exceed the funds in the GUC Trust, the entities pursuing the private action must find alternative sources of funding.
- LME Pricing Claims, the Reorganized Debtor and the GUC Trust Trustee must agree to any actions against parties not originally identified as potential targets in connection with the Creditor's Committee's motions pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2004 filed on December 18, 2014 (Docket Nos. 2787 and 2788) (the "Rule 2004 Motions"), and as identified on the record at the hearing held before the Bankruptcy Court on January 22, 2015, in connection with the Rule 2004 Motions (these parties shall include any affiliates thereof) or otherwise agreed to by the Debtor and the Creditors' Committee prior to the Effective Date. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor shall consent to any reasonable request by the Creditors' Committee (prior to the Effective Date) or the GUC Trust Trustee (after the Effective Date) to add any additional parties and the Bankruptcy Court shall resolve any disputes as to whether any actions can be commenced against such additional parties. If the Bankruptcy Court is required to determine whether any additional parties should be added to the investigation, all proceedings relating to such determination shall be confidential and presented in camera to the extent permitted by law.
- (d) To the extent commercially reasonable and permitted by applicable law, the Reorganized Debtor agrees to direct and cause the Reorganized Debtor's Foreign Affiliates to assign their respective LME Pricing Claims to the GUC Trust or to appoint the GUC Trust Trustee as the agent of the Foreign Affiliates to pursue any such claims and otherwise use

commercially reasonable efforts, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to cooperate with the GUC Trust Trustee in connection with investigating and prosecuting any LME Pricing Claims.

7.5 GUC Trust Causes of Action.

- (a) GUC Trust Causes of Action shall exclude any action released by the Debtor pursuant to this Plan or an order of the Bankruptcy Court, including, but not limited to, any Causes of Action against current or former, directors, officers or employees. For the avoidance of doubt, GUC Trust Causes of Action shall not include any Causes of Action that were released pursuant to the XL Accommodations Order.
- The GUC Trust, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine whether to bring, settle, release, compromise, or enforce such GUC Trust Causes of Action (or decline to do any of the foregoing), and shall not be required to seek further approval of the Bankruptcy Court for such action. The GUC Trust or any successors may pursue such litigation claims in accordance with the best interests of the GUC Trust or any successor holding such rights of action. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Disclosure Statement to any GUC Trust Cause of Action against them as any indication that the GUC Trust will not pursue any and all available GUC Trust Causes of Action against them. The GUC Trust expressly reserves all rights to prosecute any and all GUC Trust Causes of Action against any Entity, except as otherwise provided in the Plan. Unless any GUC Trust Causes of Action against an Entity are expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or an order of the Bankruptcy Court, the GUC Trust expressly reserves all GUC Trust Causes of Action for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such GUC Trust Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of Confirmation or consummation of the Plan.

7.6 GUC Trust Preference Action Protocols.

- (a) Pursuant to the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, prior to asserting any claims against certain agreed upon Preference Targets (as defined in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement), the GUC Trust Trustee shall provide the Reorganized Debtor with a list of such Preference Targets against which the GUC Trust intends to pursue GUC Trust Preference Actions and the Reorganized Debtor shall have the absolute right to direct the GUC Trust Trustee and the GUC Trust not to pursue any such Preference Target, provided, however, the Reorganized Debtor may not designate more than \$500,000 in Avoidance Actions (net of defenses) that can be directed not to be pursued.
- (b) The Reorganized Debtor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the GUC Trust Trustee in connection with investigating and prosecuting GUC Trust Preference Actions, including with respect to providing evidence and information as required; provided, however, that to the extent that the Reorganized Debtor's reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in cooperating with the GUC Trust Trustee exceed \$250,000, the GUC Trust Trustee shall reimburse any such costs and expenses above \$250,000 from the proceeds of the GUC Trust Preference Actions pursued by the GUC Trust.

- (c) The first \$3,000,000.00 in net GUC Trust Preference Action proceeds shall be used to reimburse the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor for the funding of the GUC Trust. The next \$1,500,000.00 in net GUC Trust Preference Action proceeds shall be allocated 100% to Allowed Other General Unsecured Claims pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement. Any additional GUC Trust Preference Action proceeds shall be distributable Pro Rata to Holders of Allowed Other General Unsecured Claims and Holders of Senior Notes Deficiency Claims.
- General Unsecured Claims Resolution. The Reorganized Debtor shall be responsible for (a) all aspects of the General Unsecured Claims reconciliation process (except making distributions to Holders of General Unsecured Claims and Holders of Subordinated Notes Claims), and (b) all of the costs associated with such reconciliation. The Reorganized Debtor shall consult with the Creditors' Committee (until the Effective Date) and/or the GUC Trust Trustee (after the Effective Date) on a periodic basis as is reasonably requested by the Creditors' Committee and/or the GUC Trust Trustee regarding the Claims reconciliation process. The Debtor or Reorganized Debtor shall (x) object to General Unsecured Claims and shall provide the Creditors' Committee (until the Effective Date) and/or the GUC Trust Trustee (after the Effective Date) with notice and an opportunity to object to all Claims that the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor seeks to resolve for an amount greater than \$20,000, and (y) use commercially reasonable efforts in administering all aspects the Claims reconciliation process. If the Creditors' Committee or GUC Trust Trustee, as applicable, cannot agree with the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor with respect to resolution of any Claim greater than \$20,000, then the Creditors' Committee or GUC Trust Trustee, as applicable, shall be permitted to resolve such Claim.
- 7.8 Indemnification and Exculpation. The GUC Trust Trustee or the individuals comprising the GUC Trust Trustee, as the case may be, and the GUC Trust Trustee's agents and professionals, shall not be liable for actions taken or omitted in its capacity as, or on behalf of, the GUC Trust Trustee, except those acts arising out of its or their own willful misconduct or gross negligence, and each shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement for fees and expenses in defending any and all of its actions or inactions in its capacity as, or on behalf of, the GUC Trust Trustee, except for any actions or inactions involving willful misconduct or gross negligence. Any indemnification claim of the GUC Trust Trustee (and the other parties entitled to indemnification under this subsection) shall be satisfied solely from the assets of the GUC Trust. The GUC Trust Trustee shall be entitled to rely, in good faith, on the advice of its retained professionals.
- 7.9 Preservation of Privilege and Defenses. No action taken by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor in connection with this Plan, shall be (or be deemed to be) a waiver of any privilege or immunity of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, including any attorney-client privilege or work-product privilege attaching to any documents or communications (whether written or oral). The Confirmation Order shall provide that notwithstanding the Reorganized Debtor's providing any privileged information to the GUC Trust Trustee, the GUC Trust, or any party or person associated with the GUC Trust, such privileged information shall be without waiver in recognition of the joint and/or successorship interest in prosecuting the on behalf of the Estate and shall remain privileged. Except with respect to Article 7.4 of this Plan, the Confirmation Order shall provide that the GUC Trust shall

have no right to waive the attorney-client privilege, work product or other protection of any information received from the Reorganized Debtor. The Debtor (or the Reorganized Debtor) retains the right to waive their own privileges.

- 7.10 No Bonding of GUC Trust Claims. There shall be no bonding of the GUC Trust Trustee.
- Service of the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee. The Senior Notes 7.11 Indenture Trustee and its respective agents, successors and assigns, and the GUC Trust Trustee shall facilitate the making of the Plan Distributions to the Holders of the Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, in accordance with the Plan and the Senior Notes Indenture, upon completion thereof, shall be discharged of all of its obligations associated with the Senior Notes Deficiency Claims. The GUC Trust Trustee shall be obligated to calculate the distributions to be made to Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims and shall provide such distribution calculations and related information to the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee at least five (5) business days in advance of the GUC Trustee making distributions on account of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims. The Senior Notes Indenture Trustee shall only be required to act and make distributions in accordance with the Plan, shall not be required to independently verify or review the calculations prepared by the GUC Trust Trustee with respect to distributions to be made to Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, and shall have no liability for actions taken in accordance with the Plan or in reliance upon distribution information and distribution calculations provided by the GUC Trust Trustee, except solely for actions or omissions arising out of the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee's intentional fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence or criminal conduct. Further, the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation or liability for distributions under the Plan to any party who does not (i) hold a Claim against the Debtor as of the Distribution Record Date or (ii) otherwise comply with the terms of the Plan, except solely for actions or omissions arising out of the Indenture Trustees' intentional fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence or criminal conduct.
- Claims. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Claims of the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee for the Senior Notes Deficiency Claims shall be, for purposes under the Plan, including without limitation, the right to receive Plan distributions, substituted for all Claims of individual Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Deficiency Claims. Plan Distributions on account of such Senior Notes Deficiency Claims shall be made by the GUC Trust Trustee to (i) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee or (ii) with the prior written consent of the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, by means of book-entry exchange through the facilities of DTC in accordance with DTC's customary practices. If a Plan Distribution is made to the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee, in its capacity as a distribution agent, shall administer the Plan distribution in accordance with the Plan and the applicable Indenture. Nothing herein shall be deemed to impair, waive or extinguish any right of the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee with respect to the Charging Lien against applicable Plan Distributions.
- 7.13 Service of the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee. The Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee and its respective agents, successors and assigns, and the GUC Trust Trustee shall facilitate the making of the Plan Distributions to the Holders of the Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims, in accordance with the Plan and the Subordinated Notes

Indenture, and upon completion thereof, shall be discharged of all of its obligations associated with the Subordinated Notes Claims. The GUC Trust Trustee shall be obligated to calculate the distributions to be made to Holders of Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims and shall provide such distribution calculations and related information to the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee at least five (5) business days in advance of the GUC Trustee making distributions on account of Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims. The Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee shall only be required to act and make distributions in accordance with the Plan, shall not be required to independently verify or review the calculations prepared by the GUC Trust Trustee with respect to distributions to be made to Holders of Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims, and shall have no liability for actions taken in accordance with the Plan or in reliance upon distribution information and distribution calculations provided by the GUC Trust Trustee, except solely for actions or omissions arising out of the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee's intentional fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence or criminal conduct. Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation or liability for distributions under the Plan to any party who does not (i) hold a Claim against the Debtor as of the Distribution Record Date or (ii) otherwise comply with the terms of the Plan, except solely for actions or omissions arising out of the Indenture Trustees' intentional fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence or criminal conduct.

7.14 Delivery of Distributions on Account of Subordinate Notes Claims. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Claims of the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee shall be, for purposes under the Plan, including without limitation, the right to receive Plan distributions, substituted for all Claims of individual Holders of Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims. Plan Distributions on account of such Subordinated Notes Claims shall be made by the GUC Trust Trustee to (i) the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee or (ii) with the prior written consent of the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, by means of book-entry exchange through the facilities of DTC in accordance with DTC's customary practices. If a Plan Distribution is made to the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee, in its capacity as a distribution agent, shall administer the Plan distribution in accordance with the Plan and the applicable Indenture. Nothing herein shall be deemed to impair, waive or extinguish any right of the Subordinated Notes Indenture Trustee with respect to the Charging Lien against applicable Plan Distributions.

ARTICLE VIII

VERNON TORT CLAIMS TRUST

8.1 Execution of Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement. The Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement shall be executed by the Debtor and the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee, and all other necessary steps shall be taken to establish the Vernon Tort Claims Trust in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall be governed and administered in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, including, but not limited to (a) the allocation of the beneficial interests therein to the Vernon Tort Claimants, as provided in Article 4.6(b) of the Plan, whether their Claims are Allowed on or after the Effective Date; (b) compensation of the Vernon Tort Claims Truste, and (c) payment and expenses of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, all of which shall be consistent with the terms of this Plan and the Vernon Tort Claims Term

Sheet. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan or the Confirmation Order and the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet shall govern in all respects, and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement shall reflect the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet and this Plan; provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, if XL does not release the collateral from which the Debtor will fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, shall be authorized to contribute Cash to fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust.

- 8.2 Assumption of Certain Liabilities. In consideration of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets transferred to the Vernon Tort Claims Trust under the Plan and in furtherance of the purposes of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust and the Plan, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall assume all liability and responsibility for all Vernon Tort Claims, including the administration thereof as described in this Plan and the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, and the Debtor and Reorganized Debtor shall have no further financial or other responsibility or liability therefor. The Vernon Tort Claims Trustee shall be responsible for administering the Vernon Tort Claims on behalf of the Vernon Tort Claimants and, among other things, determine any Claim amounts of, and distributions to, the individual Vernon Tort Claimants. The Vernon Tort Claims Trustee shall also be responsible for and authorized to (a) engage in Recovery Litigation to attempt to augment the funds of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, (b) prepare and file tax returns and pay for the other reasonable and necessary costs of administering the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, (c) distribute to the beneficiaries of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, in accordance with the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, and (d) to satisfy any Ad Hoc Vernon Tort Claimants Group expenses not paid as Administrative Claims in this Chapter 11 Case. The Vernon Tort Claims Trustee shall provide timely notice to Exide with respect to the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee's plans for addressing compliance with and shall so comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding settlements with minors, Medicare/Medicaid/Social Security set aside issues and all other similar issues.
- Assets shall be formed and initially funded promptly upon the later of the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust or the Effective Date with the contribution by the Debtor of Cash in the amount of \$2,675,000 currently held as collateral in connection with Initial Carrier Policies; provided, however, that if XL does not release the collateral from which the Debtor will fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, shall be authorized to contribute Cash to fund the Vernon Tort Claims Trust. The Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets shall be transferred (and deemed transferred) to the Vernon Tort Claims Trust free and clear of all Liens, Claims, and encumbrances, except to the extent otherwise provided herein. Except as expressly provided in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, the Debtor shall not have any obligation to provide any further funding to or on behalf of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust.
- **8.4** Covenant Not to Sue. The Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall have the ability to pursue Vernon Tort Claims to the extent set forth in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet. For the avoidance of doubt, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall not be entitled to pursue, and releases claims against, the Excluded Parties, as defined in the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.

- **8.5** Delivery of Distributions on Account of Vernon Tort Claims. Distributions to Vernon Tort Claimants pursuant to Articles 4.6 of this Plan shall only be made to those Vernon Tort Claimants that have executed an individual settlement and release of Claims as to the Released Parties in a form agreed to and approved by Exide and the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee.
- **8.6** Vernon Tort Claims Resolution. With respect to any Vernon Tort Claim that is resolved by the Vernon Tort Claims Trust in accordance with the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, such resolution shall establish the amount of legal liability against the Vernon Tort Claims Trust.
- **8.7 Dissolution**. The Vernon Tort Claims Trustee and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall be discharged or dissolved, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement.
- 8.8 Indemnification and Exculpation. The Vernon Tort Claims Trustee or the individuals comprising the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee, as the case may be, and the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee's agents and professionals, shall not be liable for actions taken or omitted in its capacity as, or on behalf of, the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee, except those acts arising out of its or their own willful misconduct or gross negligence, and each shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement for fees and expenses in defending any and all of its actions or inactions in its capacity as, or on behalf of, the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee, except for any actions or inactions involving willful misconduct or gross negligence. Any indemnification claim of the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee (and the other parties entitled to indemnification under this subsection) shall be satisfied solely from the assets of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust. The Vernon Tort Claims Trustee shall be entitled to rely, in good faith, on the advice of its retained professionals.

ARTICLE IX

UNEXPIRED LEASES AND EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

9.1 Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

(a) Automatic Rejection. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed automatically rejected pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code as of the Effective Date, unless any such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease: (a) is listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" contained in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan; (b) has been previously assumed by the Debtor by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or has been assumed by the Debtor by order of the Bankruptcy Court as of the Effective Date, which order becomes a Final Order after the Effective Date; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume or reject pending as of the Effective Date; (d) is an Executory Contract related to any Intercompany Claim; or (e) is otherwise assumed pursuant to the terms herein.

The Confirmation Order will constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving such rejections pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code as of the Effective

Date. Counterparties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that are deemed rejected as of the Effective Date shall have the right to assert any Claim on account of the rejection of such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, including under section 502(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, subject to compliance with the requirements herein.

- Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise shall not constitute a termination of pre-existing obligations owed to the Debtor under such contracts or leases. In particular, notwithstanding any non-bankruptcy law to the contrary, the Reorganized Debtor expressly reserves and does not waive any right to receive, or any continuing obligation of a counterparty to provide, warranties or continued maintenance obligations on goods previously purchased by the contracting Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, from counterparties to rejected or repudiated Executory Contracts.
- Contracts or Unexpired Leases. Unless otherwise provided by a Bankruptcy Court order, any proofs of Claim asserting Claims arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases pursuant to the Plan or otherwise must be filed with the Claims and Solicitation Agent no later than 30 days after the later of the Effective Date or the effective date of rejection. Any proofs of Claim arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that are not timely filed shall be disallowed automatically and forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion and shall not be enforceable against the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtor or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, notwithstanding anything in the Schedules or a proof of Claim to the contrary. All Allowed Claims arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases shall be classified as General Unsecured Claims.
- (d) Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor may amend its decision with respect to the rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.
- 9.2 Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan shall be assumed, or assumed and assigned, as applicable, and shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the Reorganized Debtor or its assignee in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of this Plan or any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing or providing for its assumption or applicable federal law. With respect to each such Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" in Exhibit 9.1, the Debtor shall have designated a proposed Cure, and the assumption of such Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases may be conditioned upon the disposition of all issues with respect to such Cure. The Confirmation Order shall constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving any such assumptions pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(a) Modifications, Amendments, Supplements, Restatements, or Other Agreements. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements that in any manner affect such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, and all rights related thereto, if any, including all easements, licenses, permits, rights, privileges, immunities, options, rights of first refusal, and any other interests, unless any of the foregoing agreements has been previously rejected or repudiated or is rejected or repudiated pursuant hereunder.

Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtor during the Chapter 11 Case shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith.

- (b) **Proofs of Claim Based on Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that Have Been Assumed**. Any and all proofs of Claims based upon Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that have been assumed in the Chapter 11 Case, including hereunder, except proofs of Claims asserting Cure amounts, pursuant to the order approving such assumption, including the Confirmation Order, shall be deemed disallowed and expunged from the claims register as of the Effective Date without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 9.3 Indemnification Obligations. From and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor will indemnify each Indemnitee to the same extent of any Indemnification Obligation in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date. The Reorganized Debtor's indemnification obligation shall remain in full force and effect, shall not be modified, reduced, discharged, impaired, or otherwise affected in any way. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 9.3 or in any Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to the contrary, the Reorganized Debtor's indemnification liability under this Section 9.3 arising out of any losses, liabilities, or expenses relating to events giving rise to Indemnification Obligations that occurred prior to the Petition Date ("Prepetition Indemnification Obligations") shall be capped at an amount of \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate for all Indemnitees (the "Prepetition Indemnification Basket") and shall be net of and in excess of available insurance for all such Prepetition Indemnification Obligations. The treatment of Indemnification Obligations in this Section 9.3 shall be in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release of any Claim on account of such Indemnification Obligation of the Debtor, except that any Indemnitee may assert a Claim in the Chapter 11 Case for any Prepetition Indemnification Obligation that is not satisfied because of the limitation contained in the prior sentence. For the avoidance of doubt, the Prepetition Indemnification Basket shall be available to cover costs and expenses for any dispute regarding applicable insurance coverage.

9.4 Insurance Policies.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Order, any other document related to any of the foregoing or any other order of the Bankruptcy Court (including, without limitation, any other provision that purports to be preemptory or supervening

or grants an injunction or release, including, but not limited to, the injunctions set forth in Article 12.11 of the Plan): (a) on the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall assume all insurance policies, as amended or modified, issued at any time to the Debtor, its affiliates or predecessors of any of the foregoing and all agreements related thereto, as amended or modified (collectively, the "Insurance Contracts"); (b) nothing in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Documents, the Plan Supplement or the Confirmation Order alters, modifies or otherwise amends the terms and conditions of (or the coverage provided by) any of the Insurance Contracts, except that as of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall become and remain liable for all of the Debtor's obligations and liabilities thereunder regardless of whether such obligations and liabilities arise before or after the Effective Date, provided, however that the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall retain the right to challenge any amounts owed under the Insurance Contracts in accordance with their terms, and the rights and obligations of the parties under the Insurance Contracts, whether or not such Insurance Contracts are executory or were in effect before or after the Petition Date, shall remain fully enforceable by the parties after the Effective Date of this Plan; (c) nothing in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Documents, Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Order, any prepetition or administrative claim bar date order (or notice) or claim objection order alters or modifies the duty, if any, that the insurers and/or third party administrators have to pay claims covered by the Insurance Contracts and their right to seek payment or reimbursement from the Debtor (or after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor) or draw on any collateral or security therefor in accordance with the terms of the Insurance Contracts; (d) insurers and third party administrators shall not need to nor be required to file or serve a Cure Dispute or a request, application, claim, proof of claim or motion for payment and shall not be subject to any Bar Date or similar deadline governing Cure Amounts or Claims; and (e) the automatic stay of Bankruptcy Code section 362(a) and the injunctions set forth in Article 12.11 of the Plan, if and to the extent applicable, shall be deemed lifted without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, solely to permit: (A) claimants with valid claims covered by any of the Insurance Contracts ("Insured Claims") to proceed with their claims, except Claims that will be administered by the Vernon Tort Claims Trust as provided herein; (B) insurers and/or third party administrators to administer, handle, defend, settle, and/or pay, in the ordinary course of business and subject to the terms of the Insurance Contracts, without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, (i) all Insured Claims, and (ii) all costs in relation to each of the foregoing; (C) the insurers and/or third party administrators to draw against any or all of any collateral or security provided by or on behalf of the Debtor (or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable) at any time and to hold the proceeds thereof as security for the obligations of the Debtor (and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable) to the applicable insurers and/or third party administrators and/or apply such proceeds to the obligations of the Debtor (and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable) in accordance with the terms of the Insurance Contracts, and (D) the insurers and/or third party administrators to (i) cancel any policies under the Insurance Contracts, and (ii) take other actions relating thereto, to the extent permissible under applicable non-bankruptcy law, each in accordance with the terms of the Insurance Contracts. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Plan or this Article 9.4 is intended to modify the XL Accommodations Order. In the event of any conflict between the Plan, the Plan Documents, the Plan Supplement, the Confirmation Order, or any other document relating to any of the foregoing and the XL Accommodations Order, the terms of the XL Accommodations Order shall control.

- (b) The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as the case may be, shall maintain D&O Insurance providing coverage for those indemnitees currently covered by such policies for the remaining term of such policy and shall maintain runoff policies or tail coverage under policies in existence as of the Effective Date for a period of six years after the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by such provisions, in each case insuring such parties in respect of any claims, demands, suits, Causes of Action, or proceedings against such indemnitees based upon any act or omission related to such indemnitee's service with, for, or on behalf of the Debtor in at least the scope and amount as currently maintained by the Debtor.
- 9.5 Cure Procedures and Payments Related to Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. With respect to each of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases," the Debtor shall have designated a proposed Cure, and the assumption of such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be conditioned upon the disposition of all issues with respect to Cure. Such Cure shall be satisfied by the Debtor or its assignee, if any, by payment of the Cure in Cash within 30 days following the occurrence of the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, or on such other terms as may be ordered by the Bankruptcy Court or agreed upon by the parties to the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Any provisions or terms of the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to be assumed pursuant to the Plan that are, or may be, alleged to be in default, shall be satisfied solely by Cure, or by an agreed-upon waiver of Cure. If there is a dispute regarding such Cure, the ability of the Reorganized Debtor or any assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, or any other matter pertaining to assumption, then payment of Cure shall occur as soon as reasonably practicable after entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute, approving such assumption (and, if applicable, assignment), or as may be agreed upon by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the counterparty to the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, reserves the right either to reject or nullify the assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease after a Final Order determining the Cure or any request for adequate assurance of future performance required to assume such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is made.

Assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Cures, Claims or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption.

(a) **Cure Notices**. Prior to the Confirmation Hearing, and pursuant to the Assumption and Rejection Procedures, the Debtor shall serve upon counterparties to such Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases a notice of the proposed assumption that will (i) list the applicable Cure, if any, (ii) describe the procedures for filing objections to the proposed assumption or assumption and assignment of the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, (iii) describe the procedures for filing objections to the proposed Cure of the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, and (iv) explain the process by which related disputes

will be resolved by the Bankruptcy Court. If no objection is timely received, (x) the non-Debtor party to the Assumed Contract shall be deemed to have consented to the assumption of the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease and shall be forever barred from asserting any objection with regard to such assumption, and (y) the proposed Cure Amount shall be controlling, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or other document as of the date of the filing of the Plan, and the non-Debtor party to an applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed to have consented to the Cure Amount and shall be forever barred from asserting, collecting, or seeking to collect any additional amounts relating thereto against the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, or the property of any of them. All proposed Cure obligations must be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Creditors and the Requisite Backstop Parties.

- Notice or proposed Cure was filed by the Cure Objection Deadline, the Cure shall be equal to (i) the amount agreed to between the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and the applicable counterparty, or, (ii) to the extent the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor and counterparty do not reach an agreement regarding any Cure or any other matter related to assumption, the Bankruptcy Court shall determine the Allowed amount of such Cure and any related issues. Objections, if any, to the proposed assumption and/or Cure must be in writing, filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served in hard-copy form so that they are actually received by the Cure Objection Deadline.
- (c) **Hearing with Respect to Objections**. If an objection to the proposed assumption and/or to the Cure is timely filed and received in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Article 9.5(b)</u>, and the parties do not reach a consensual resolution of such objection, a hearing with respect to such objection shall be held at such time scheduled by the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor. Objections to the proposed Cure Amount or assumption of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease will not be treated as objections to Confirmation of the Plan.
- (d) Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor may amend its decision with respect to the assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease and provide a new notice amending the information provided in the applicable notice, subject to the Assumption and Rejection Procedures. In the case of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease designated for assumption that is the subject of a Cure Objection which has not been resolved prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor may designate such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease for rejection at any time prior to the payment of the Cure.
- 9.6 Contracts, Intercompany Contracts, and Leases Entered into After the Petition Date. Contracts and leases entered into after the Petition Date by the Debtor, and any Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases assumed by the Debtor, may be performed by the Reorganized Debtor in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with the terms of such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.
- 9.7 General Reservation of Rights. Neither the exclusion nor inclusion of any contract or lease on Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan, in the Plan Supplement, nor anything contained in the Plan, shall constitute an admission by the Debtor that any such contract or lease is in fact

an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that the Reorganized Debtor, or any of its Affiliates, has any liability thereunder. If there is a dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or unexpired at the time of assumption or rejection, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, shall have 45 days following entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute to alter its treatment of such contract or lease.

ARTICLE X

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING DISPUTED CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

10.1 Determination Of Claims and Interests. After the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall have and retain any and all rights and defenses the Debtor had with respect to any Claim or Interest immediately prior to the Effective Date, including the Causes of Action retained pursuant to Article 6.17, except with respect to any Claim or Interest deemed Allowed under the Plan.

Except as expressly provided in the Plan or in any order entered in the Chapter 11 Case prior to the Effective Date (including the Confirmation Order), no Claim or Interest shall become an Allowed Claim or Interest unless and until such Claim or Interest is deemed Allowed or the Bankruptcy Court has entered a Final Order, including the Confirmation Order, in the Chapter 11 Case allowing such Claim or Interest. All settled claims approved prior to the Effective Date pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 or otherwise shall be binding on all parties. For the avoidance of doubt, any Claim determined and liquidated pursuant to (a) an order of the Bankruptcy Court or (b) applicable non-bankruptcy law (which determination has not been stayed, reversed, or amended and as to which determination or any revision, modification, or amendment thereof) the time to appeal or seek review or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal or petition for review or rehearing was filed or, if filed, remains pending) shall be deemed an Allowed Claim in such liquidated amount and satisfied in accordance with this Plan.

Nothing contained in this <u>Article 10.1</u> shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of any claim, right, or Cause of Action that the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor may have against any Entity in connection with or arising out of any Claim, including, without limitation, any rights under section 157(b) of title 28 of the United States Code.

provided for in the Plan, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall retain responsibility for (a) administering, disputing, objecting to, compromising, or otherwise resolving all Claims against, and Interests in, the Debtor (except Vernon Tort Claims, which shall be administered by the Vernon Tort Claims Trust as set forth herein), including, without limitations, (i) filing, withdrawing, or litigating to judgment objections to Claims or Interests, (ii) settling or compromising any Disputed Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court, and (iii) administering and adjusting the claims register to reflect any such settlements or compromises without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court; provided, however, the administration of General Unsecured Claims and Subordinated Notes Claims shall be in accordance with Article 7.7 of this Plan, and (b) making distributions (if any) with respect to all Claims and Interests, except for distributions

to Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims or Subordinated Notes Claims, which shall be made by the GUC Trust Trustee, or distributions to Vernon Tort Claimants, which shall be made by the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee.

Court, any objections to Claims (other than Administrative Claims) shall be served and filed on or before the Claims Objection Deadline (or such later date as may be established by the Bankruptcy Court upon request of the Reorganized Debtor without further notice to parties-in-interest). Notwithstanding any authority to the contrary, an objection to a Claim shall be deemed properly served on the Holder of the Claim if the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor effect service in any of the following manners: (a) in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4, as modified and made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7004, (b) to the extent counsel for a Holder of a Claim or Interest is unknown, by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the signatory on the proof of Claim or other representative identified on the proof of Claim or any attachment thereto (or at the last known addresses of such Holders of Claims if no proof of Claim is filed or if the Debtor has been notified in writing of a change of address), or (c) by first class mail, postage prepaid, on any counsel that has appeared on behalf of the Holder of the Claim in the Chapter 11 Case and has not withdrawn such appearance.

10.4 <u>Disallowance of Claims</u>. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE AGREED, ANY AND ALL PROOFS OF CLAIM FILED AFTER THE APPLICABLE DEADLINE FOR FILING SUCH PROOFS OF CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE TO, OR ACTION, ORDER, OR APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, AND HOLDERS OF SUCH CLAIMS MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIMS, UNLESS SUCH LATE PROOF OF CLAIM IS DEEMED TIMELY FILED BY A FINAL ORDER OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Nothing herein shall in any way alter, impair, or abridge the legal effect of the Bar Date Order, or the rights of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, the Creditors' Committee before the Effective Date, the GUC Trust Trustee after the Effective Date, or other parties-in-interest to object to Claims on the grounds that they are time barred or otherwise subject to disallowance or modification. Nothing in this Plan shall preclude amendments to timely filed proofs of Claim to the extent permitted by applicable law.

All Claims of any Entity from which property is sought by the Debtor under section 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or that the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor allege is a transferee of a transfer that is avoidable under section 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be disallowed if (a) the Entity, on the one hand, and the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, on the other hand, agree or the Bankruptcy Court has determined by Final Order that such Entity or transferee is liable to turn over any property or monies under any of the aforementioned sections of the Bankruptcy Code and (b) such Entity or transferee has failed to turn over such property by the date set forth in such agreement or Final Order.

10.5 Estimation of Claims. Before or after the Effective Date, the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and the Creditors' Committee before the Effective Date

and the GUC Trust Trustee after the Effective Date, may (but is not required to) at any time request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate a Disputed Claim pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code for any reason, regardless of whether any party previously has objected to such Claim or Interest or whether the Bankruptcy Court has ruled on any such objection, and the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction to estimate any Disputed Claim, including during the litigation of any objection to any Disputed Claim or during the pendency of any appeal relating to such objection. In the event that the Bankruptcy Court estimates any contingent or unliquidated Claim, that estimated amount shall constitute a maximum limitation on such Claim for all purposes under the Plan (including for purposes of distributions), without prejudice to the Holder of such Claim's right to request that estimation should be for the purpose of determining the Allowed amount of such Claim, and the Reorganized Debtor may elect to pursue any supplemental proceedings to object to any ultimate distribution on such Claim. All of the objection, estimation, settlement, and resolution procedures set forth in the Plan are cumulative and not necessarily exclusive of one another. Disputed Claims may be estimated and subsequently compromised, settled, withdrawn, or resolved by any mechanism approved by the Bankruptcy Court.

- 10.6 No Interest on Disputed Claims. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Plan or as otherwise required by section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, postpetition interest shall not accrue or be paid on Claims or Interests, and no Holder of a Claim or Interest shall be entitled to interest accruing on or after the Petition Date on any Claim or Interest. Additionally, and without limiting the foregoing, unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Plan or as otherwise required by section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Disputed Claim in respect of the period from the Effective Date to the date a final distribution is made, when and if such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.
- 10.7 Amendments to Claims. On or after the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided herein, a Claim may not be filed or amended without the authorization of the Bankruptcy Court or the Reorganized Debtor, and, to the extent such authorization is not received, any such new or amended Claim filed shall be deemed Disallowed in full and expunged without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

ARTICLE XI

PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISTRIBUTIONS

- General Unsecured Claims, and Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims, and to Vernon Tort Claimants. The provisions of this Article XI shall not apply to Holders of Senior Notes Deficiency Claims, Allowed General Unsecured Claims, and Allowed Subordinated Notes Claims, and to Vernon Tort Claimants. Distributions to Holders of such Allowed Claims shall be subject to, as applicable, the terms of the GUC Trust Agreement, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, and Articles 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and Articles VII and Article VIII of this Plan.
- 11.2 Time of Distributions. Except as otherwise provided for herein or ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, distributions under this Plan shall be made on the later of (a) Distribution Date or (b) on the first Periodic Distribution Date that is at least 30 days after a

Claim becomes Allowed; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Debtor may, in its sole discretion, make one-time distributions on a date that is not a Periodic Distribution Date.

- 11.3 Distribution Agent. The Distribution Agent shall make all distributions required under this Plan except (a) as set forth in <u>Article 11.5</u> below and (b) with respect to any Holder of a Claim whose Claim is governed by an agreement and is administered by a Servicer, which distributions shall be deposited with the appropriate Servicer, as applicable, who shall deliver such distributions to the Holders of Claims in accordance with the provisions of this Plan and the terms of any governing agreement.
- 11.4 Currency. Except as otherwise Provided in the Plan or Bankruptcy Court order, as of the Effective Date, any Claim asserted in currency other than U.S. dollars shall be automatically deemed converted to the equivalent U.S. dollar value using the exchange rate as of Effective Date at 4:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, mid-range spot rate of exchange for the applicable currency as published in the next *The Wall Street Journal, National Edition* following the Effective Date.

11.5 Distributions on Account of Claims Allowed as of the Effective Date.

- provided in the Plan, a Final Order, or as otherwise agreed to by the relevant parties, the Distribution Agent shall make initial distributions under the Plan on account of Allowed Claims on Distribution Date, subject to the Reorganized Debtor's right to object to Claims that have not been Allowed; provided, however, that (i) Allowed Administrative Claims with respect to liabilities incurred by the Debtor in the ordinary course of business during the Chapter 11 Case or assumed by the Debtor prior to the Effective Date shall be paid or performed in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the terms and conditions of any controlling agreements, course of dealing, course of business, or industry practice, and (ii) Allowed Priority Tax Claims shall be paid in full in Cash on the Distribution Date or in installment payments over a period not more than five years after the Petition Date pursuant to section 1129(a)(c) of the Bankruptcy Code. To the extent any Allowed Priority Tax Claim is not due and owing on the Effective Date, such Claim shall be paid in full in Cash in accordance with the terms of any agreement between the Debtor and the Holder of such Claim, or as may be due and payable under applicable non-bankruptcy law or in the ordinary course of business.
- (b) **Delivery of Distributions to Servicers**. In the case of a Holders of Claims whose Claims are governed by an agreement and administered by a Servicer, the respective Servicer shall be deemed to be the Holder of such Claims for purposes of distributions to be made hereunder. The Distribution Agent shall make all distributions on account of such Claims to the Servicers or as directed by the Servicers, in the Servicers' sole discretion. The Servicers shall hold or direct such distributions for the benefit of Holders of such Allowed Claims, as applicable; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, the Servicer shall retain all rights under its respective agreement in connection with delivery of distributions to Claim Holders; and <u>provided further</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Debtor's obligations to make distributions in accordance with <u>Article XI</u> shall be deemed satisfied upon delivery of distributions to each Servicer or the entity or entities designated by the Servicers.

- Claims. Distributions to Holders of Senior Notes Secured Claims pursuant to Article 4.1 of this Plan shall only be made to those Holders that have completed an Eligible Holder Certification or a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Certification, as applicable. If a Senior Notes Secured Claims Holder does not make an Eligible Holder Certification or a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Certification, as applicable, within 365 days of the Effective Date, such Holder shall be deemed to have waived its distribution and shall no longer be entitled to any distribution on account of its Senior Notes Secured Claim and any such distribution shall revert back to the Reorganized Debtor. For the avoidance of doubt, any Servicer holding a distribution pursuant to Article 11.5(b) of this Plan for the benefit of a Senior Notes Secured Claim Holder who does not make an Eligible Holder Certification or a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Certification in accordance with the terms of this Article 11.5(c), shall return any such distribution to the Reorganized Debtor in accordance with the Rights Offering Procedures or the solicitation procedures set forth in the Disclosure Statement Order.
- (d) Fees and Expenses of Servicers. The Reorganized Debtor shall reimburse in Cash any Servicer for reasonable and necessary services performed by it (including reasonable attorneys' fees and documented out-of-pocket expenses) in connection with the making of distributions under this Plan to Holders of Allowed Claims and the Servicer's further performance of its duties under the Indentures until all such Allowed Claims are paid in full and a Final Decree is entered, without the need for the filing of an application with the Bankruptcy Court or approval by the Bankruptcy Court. To the extent that there are any disputes that the reviewing parties are unable to resolve with the Servicers, the reviewing parties shall report to the Bankruptcy Court as to whether there are any unresolved disputes regarding the reasonableness of the Servicers' (and their attorneys') fees and expenses. Any such unresolved disputes may be submitted to the Bankruptcy Court for resolution.

11.6 Distributions on Account of Claims Allowed After the Effective Date.

- (a) **No Distributions Pending Allowance.** No payments or distributions shall be made with respect to all or any portion of a Disputed Claim unless and until all objections to such Disputed Claim have been settled or withdrawn or have been determined by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, and the Disputed Claim has become an Allowed Claim. All objections to Claims must be filed on or before the Claims Objection Deadline. With respect to a Claim or Claims by an Environmental Governmental Unit that involves multiple sites, if the Debtor and such Environmental Governmental Unit reach a resolution that provides for, or the Bankruptcy Court orders that, a portion of the Claim related to a specific site to be an Allowed Claim while the remaining portions relating to other sites are Disputed or Disallowed, payment for the Allowed portion shall be made in accordance with <u>Article IV</u> of the Plan, the agreement between the Debtor and the Environmental Governmental Unit, or the Bankruptcy Court order.
- (b) **Distributions After Allowance**. Payments and distributions to each respective Holder of a Claim on account of a Disputed Claim, to the extent that it ultimately becomes an Allowed Claim, shall be made in accordance with provisions of this Plan that govern distributions to such Holder of a Claim. On the first Periodic Distribution Date that is at least 30 days following the date when a Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, the Distribution

Agent shall distribute to the Holder of such Allowed Claim the distribution that such Holder is entitled under the Plan as of the Effective Date, without any interest to be paid on account of such Claim or Interest unless required under applicable bankruptcy law; provided, however, (i) Disputed Claims that are Administrative Claims with respect to liabilities incurred by the Debtor in the ordinary course of business during the Chapter 11 Case or assumed by the Debtor on or before the Effective Date that become Allowed after the Effective Date shall be paid or performed in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the terms and conditions of any controlling agreements, course of dealing, course of business, or industry practice, and (ii) Disputed Claims that are Allowed Priority Tax Claims after the Effective Date shall be paid in full in Cash on the Periodic Distribution Date that is at least 30 days after the Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim or over a five-year period as provided in section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code with annual interest provided by applicable non-bankruptcy law.

Special Rules for Distributions to Holders of Disputed Claims. Notwithstanding any provision otherwise in the Plan and except as otherwise agreed by the relevant parties no partial payments and no partial distributions shall be made with respect to a Disputed Claim until all such disputes in connection with such Disputed Claim have been resolved by settlement or Final Order. All distributions made pursuant to the Plan on account of a Disputed Claim that is deemed an Allowed Claim by the Bankruptcy Court shall be made together with any dividends, payments, or other distributions made on account of, as well as any obligations arising from, the distributed property as if such Allowed Claim had been an Allowed Claim on the dates distributions were previously made to Holders of Allowed Claims included in the applicable Class; provided, however, that no interest shall be paid on account to such Allowed Claims unless required under applicable bankruptcy law. With respect to a Claim or Claims by an Environmental Governmental Unit that involves multiple sites, if the Debtor and such Environmental Governmental Unit reach a resolution that provides for, or the Bankruptcy Court orders that, a portion of the Claim related to a specific site to be an Allowed Claim while the remaining portions relating to other sites are Disputed or Disallowed, payment for the Allowed portion shall be made in accordance with Article IV of the Plan, the agreement between the Debtor and the Environmental Governmental Unit, or the Bankruptcy Court order.

11.7 Delivery Of Distributions.

- (a) Record Date for Distributions. On the Distribution Record Date, the claims register shall be closed and the Distribution Agent shall be authorized and entitled to recognize only those record Holders listed on the claims register as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Claim or Interest is transferred less than 20 days before the Distribution Record Date, the Distribution Agent shall make distributions to the transferee only to the extent practical and in any event only if the relevant transfer form contains an unconditional and explicit certification and waiver of any objection to the transfer by the transferor.
- (b) Allowed Claims. Distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims shall be made by the Distribution Agent or the appropriate Servicer (i) at the addresses set forth on the proofs of claim filed by such Holders of Claims (or at the last known addresses of such Holders of Claims if no proof of Claim is filed or if the Debtor has been notified in writing of a change of address), (ii) at the addresses set forth in any written notices of address changes

delivered to the Distribution Agent after the date of any related proof of Claim, (iii) at the addresses reflected in the Schedules if no proof of Claim has been filed and the Distribution Agent has not received a written notice of a change of address, or (iv) in the case of a Holder of a Claim whose Claim is governed by an agreement and administered by a Servicer, at the addresses contained in the official records of such Servicer. The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Distribution Agent, as applicable, shall not incur any liability whatsoever on account of any distributions under the Plan.

- (c) Undeliverable Distributions. If any distribution to a Holder of a Claim is returned as undeliverable, no further distributions to such Holder of such Claim shall be made unless and until the Distribution Agent or the appropriate Servicer is notified of thencurrent address of such Holder of the Claim, at which time all missed distributions shall be made to such Holder of the Claim without interest, dividends, or accruals of any kind on the next Periodic Distribution Date. Amounts in respect of undeliverable distributions shall be returned to the Reorganized Debtor until such distributions are claimed.
- (d) Reversion. Any distribution under the Plan that is an Unclaimed Distribution for a period of six months after such distribution shall be deemed unclaimed property under section 347(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and such Unclaimed Distribution shall revert to and vest in the Reorganized Debtor free of any restrictions thereon, and to the extent such Unclaimed Distribution is New Exide Common Stock, shall be deemed cancelled. Upon vesting, the Claim of any Holder or successor to such Holder with respect to such property shall be cancelled, discharged and forever barred, notwithstanding federal or state escheat, abandoned, or unclaimed property laws to the contrary. The provisions of the Plan regarding undeliverable distributions and Unclaimed Distributions shall apply with equal force to distributions that are issued by the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or the Distribution Agent made pursuant to any indenture or Certificate (but only with respect to the initial distribution by the Servicer to Holders that are entitled to be recognized under the relevant indenture or Certificate and not with respect to Entities to whom those recognized Holders distribute), notwithstanding any provision in such indenture or Certificate to the contrary and notwithstanding any otherwise applicable federal or state escheat, abandoned, or unclaimed property law.
- (e) **De Minimis Distributions**. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Reorganized Debtor, the Distribution Agent, and any Servicer shall not be required to make a distribution on account of an Allowed Claim if (i) the aggregate amount of all distributions authorized to be made on the Periodic Distribution Date in question is or has a value less than \$250,000; provided that the Reorganized Debtor shall make, or cause to be made, a distribution on a Periodic Distribution Date of less than \$250,000 if the Debtor expects that such Periodic Distribution Date shall be the final Periodic Distribution Date; or (ii) the amount to be distributed to the specific Holder of the Allowed Claim on the particular Periodic Distribution Date does not both (x) constitute a final distribution to such Holder and (y) have a value of at least \$50.00.
- (f) Fractional Distributions. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Reorganized Debtor, the Distribution Agent, and any Servicer shall not be required to make partial distributions or distributions of fractional shares of New Exide Common Stock or distributions or payments of fractions of dollars. Whenever any payment or

distribution of a fractional share of New Exide Common Stock under the Plan would otherwise be called for, such fraction shall be deemed zero. Whenever any payment of Cash of a fraction of a dollar pursuant to the Plan would otherwise be required, the actual payment shall reflect a rounding of such fraction to the nearest whole dollar (up or down), with half dollars or less being rounded down.

- 11.8 Accrual of Dividends and Other Rights. For purposes of determining the accrual of dividends or other rights after the Effective Date, New Exide Common Stock shall be deemed distributed as of the Effective Date regardless of the date on which it is actually issued, dated, authenticated, or distributed; provided, however, the Reorganized Debtor shall not pay any such dividends or distribute such other rights, if any, until after distributions of New Exide Common Stock actually take place.
- Surrender of Securities or Instruments. As soon as practicable after the 11.9 Effective Date, each Senior Secured Noteholder and Subordinated Noteholder shall surrender its note(s) to the relevant Indenture Trustee, or in the event such note(s) are held in the name of, or by a nominee of, The Depository Trust Company, the Reorganized Debtor shall seek the cooperation of The Depository Trust Company to provide appropriate instructions to the Indenture Trustees. No distributions under the Plan shall be made for or on behalf of such Holder unless and until such note(s) is received by the Indenture Trustees or the loss, theft or destruction of such note(s) is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the applicable Indenture Trustee, which satisfaction may require such Holder to submit (a) a lost instrument affidavit and (b) an indemnity bond holding the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and the Indenture Trustees, harmless in respect of such note and distributions made thereof. Upon compliance with this Article 11.9 by a Senior Secured Noteholder or Subordinated Noteholder, such Holder shall, for all purposes under the Plan, be deemed to have surrendered such Claim. Any Holder that fails to surrender such Senior Note or Subordinated Note or satisfactorily explain its non-availability to the applicable Indenture Trustee within one (1) year of the Effective Date shall be deemed to have no further Claim against the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor (or their property), or the Indenture Trustees in respect of such Claim and shall not participate in any distribution under the Plan. All property in respect of such forfeited distributions, including interest thereon, shall be promptly returned to the Reorganized Debtor by the applicable Indenture Trustee, and any such security shall be cancelled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the record Holder of a Senior Notes Claim or a Subordinated Notes Claim is DTC or its nominee or such other securities depository or custodian thereof, or if an Senior Notes Claim or Subordinated Notes Claim is held in book-entry or electronic form pursuant to a global security held by DTC or such other securities depository or custodian thereof, then the beneficial Holder of such an Allowed Senior Notes Claim or Allowed Subordinated Notes Claim shall be deemed to have surrendered such Holder's security, note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness upon surrender of such global security by DTC or such other securities depository or custodian thereof.
- 11.10 Compliance Matters. In connection with the Plan, to the extent applicable, the Reorganized Debtor and the Distribution Agent shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all distributions pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Reorganized

Debtor and the Distribution Agent shall be authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to comply with such withholding and reporting requirements, including liquidating a portion of the distribution to be made under the Plan to generate sufficient funds to pay applicable withholding taxes, withholding distributions pending receipt of information necessary to facilitate such distributions, or establishing any other mechanisms they believe are reasonable and appropriate. The Reorganized Debtor reserves the right to allocate all distributions made under the Plan in compliance with all applicable wage garnishments, alimony, child support, and other spousal awards, Liens, and encumbrances.

11.11 Claims Paid or Payable by Third Parties.

- (a) Claims Paid by Third Parties. The Claims and Solicitation Agent shall reduce in full a Claim to the extent that the Holder of such Claim receives payment in full on account of such Claim from a party that is not the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor. To the extent a Holder of a Claim receives a distribution on account of such Claim and receives payment from a party that is not the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor on account of such Claim, such Holder shall, within two weeks of receipt thereof, repay or return the distribution to the Reorganized Debtor, to the extent the Holder's total recovery on account of such Claim from the third party and under the Plan exceeds the amount of such Claim as of the date of any such distribution under the Plan.
- (b) Claims Payable by Insurance Carriers. No distributions under the Plan shall be made on account of an Allowed Claim that is payable pursuant to one of the Debtor's insurance policies until the Holder of such Allowed Claim has exhausted all remedies with respect to such insurance policy. To the extent that one or more of the Debtor's insurers agrees to satisfy in full a Claim (if and to the extent adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction), then immediately upon such insurers' agreement, such Claim may be expunged to the extent of any agreed upon satisfaction on the claims register by the Claims and Solicitation Agent without a Claims objection having to be filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.
- (c) Applicability of Insurance Policies. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims shall be in accordance with the provisions of any applicable insurance policy. Nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of any Cause of Action that the Debtor or any Entity may hold against any other Entity, including insurers under any policies of insurance, nor shall anything contained herein constitute or be deemed a waiver by such insurers of any defenses, including coverage defenses, held by such insurers.
- 11.12 Setoffs. Except as otherwise expressly provided for in the Plan and except with respect to any DIP Facility Claims, Senior Notes Claim (including any Senior Notes Deficiency Claim and Senior Notes Secured Claim), Subordinated Notes Claim, and any distribution on account thereof, the Reorganized Debtor pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code (including section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code), applicable non-bankruptcy law, or as may be agreed to by the Holder of a Claim, may set off against any Allowed Claim and the distributions to be made pursuant to the Plan on account of such Allowed Claim (before any distribution is made on account of such Allowed Claim), any Claims, rights, and Causes of Action of any

nature that the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, may hold against the Holder of such Allowed Claim, to the extent such Claims, rights, or Causes of Action against such Holder have not been otherwise compromised or settled on or prior to the Effective Date (whether pursuant to the Plan or otherwise); provided, however, that neither the failure to effect such a setoff nor the allowance of any Claim pursuant to the Plan shall constitute a waiver or release by the Reorganized Debtor of any such Claims, rights, and Causes of Action that the Reorganized Debtor may possess against such Holder. In no event shall any Holder of Claims be entitled to set off any Claim against any Claim, right, or Cause of Action of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, unless such Holder has filed a motion with the Bankruptcy Court requesting the authority to perform such setoff on or before the Confirmation Date, and notwithstanding any indication in any proof of Claim or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to section 553 or otherwise.

11.13 Allocation of Plan Distributions Between Principal and Interest. To the extent that any Allowed Claim entitled to a distribution under this Plan is composed of indebtedness and accrued but unpaid interest thereon, such distribution shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be allocated for federal income tax purposes to the principal amount of the Claim first and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds the principal amount of the Claim, to the portion of such Claim representing accrued but unpaid interest.

ARTICLE XII

EFFECT OF THE PLAN ON CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

- 12.1 Vesting of Assets. Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Plan, on the Effective Date, all property comprising the Estate (including Causes of Action, but excluding the GUC Trust Assets and property that has been abandoned pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court) shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor which, as Debtor, owned such property or interest in property as of the Effective Date, free and clear of all Claims, Liens, charges, encumbrances, rights, and Interests. As of and following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and use, acquire, and dispose of property and settle and compromise Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action without supervision of the Bankruptcy Court, free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules, other than those restrictions expressly imposed by this Plan or the Confirmation Order.
- 12.2 <u>Discharge of the Debtor</u>. Pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Plan or the Confirmation Order, and effective as of the Effective Date: (a) the distributions and rights that are provided in this Plan, if any, and the treatment of all Claims and Interests shall be in exchange for and in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release of all Claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any interest accrued on such Claims from and after the Petition Date, against, liabilities of, Liens on, obligations of, rights against, and Interests in the Debtor or any of its assets or properties, regardless of whether any property shall have been distributed or retained pursuant to this Plan on account of such Claims, rights, and Interests, including, but not limited to, Claims and Interests that arose before the Effective Date and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case whether or not (i) a proof of

claim or interest based upon such Claim, debt, right, or Interest is filed or deemed filed under section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) a Claim or Interest based upon such Claim, debt, right, or Interest is allowed under section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) the Holder of such a Claim, right, or Interest accepted this Plan; (b) the Plan shall bind all Holders of Claims and Interests notwithstanding whether any such Holders failed to vote to accept or reject the Plan or voted to reject the Plan; (c) all Claims and Interests shall be satisfied, discharged, and released in full, and the Debtor's liability with respect thereto shall be extinguished completely, including any liability of the kind specified under section 502(g) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (d) all Entities shall be precluded from asserting against the Debtor, the Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, their successors and assigns, and their assets and properties any other Claims or Interests based upon any documents, instruments, or any act or omission, transaction, or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred prior to the Effective Date. The Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of the discharge of all Claims against and Interests in the Debtor, subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date. Nothing in this Plan shall modify that certain Agreed Order and Stipulation between the Debtor and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation entered as Docket No. 6789 in the 2002 Chapter 11 Case (the "TDEC Stipulation"). The TDEC Stipulation will not be discharged by the Plan and the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, will continue with compliance under the terms of the TDEC Stipulation after Confirmation.

- 12.3 <u>Discharge of Liabilities Related to Vernon Tort Claims</u>. Without limiting the foregoing <u>Article 12.2</u>, the transfer to, vesting in, and assumption by the Vernon Tort Claims Trust of the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Assets as contemplated by this Plan, among other things, shall discharge the Estate, the Debtor, and the Reorganized Debtor for and in respect of all Vernon Tort Claims. The Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall assume the liabilities of the Debtor with respect to all Vernon Tort Claims and shall pay Vernon Tort Claims entitled to payment in accordance with the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement.
- 12.4 <u>Discharge of Liabilities Related to General Unsecured Claims and the Subordinated Notes Claims</u>. The transfer to, vesting in, and assumption by the GUC Trust of the GUC Trust Assets as contemplated by this Plan, among other things, shall discharge the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor and their representatives for and in respect of all General Unsecured Claims and Subordinated Notes Claims.
- agreements reached in the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement. In accordance with Article 10.2 of this Plan, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a), the Debtor may compromise and settle various (a) Claims or Interests and (b) Causes of Action that the Debtor has against other Entities up to and including the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, any such right shall pass to the Reorganized Debtor and/or the GUC Trust, pursuant to the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, and as contemplated in Article 12.1 of this Plan, without the need for further approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and in consideration for the distributions and other benefits provided pursuant to the Plan or any distribution to be made on account of an Allowed Claim, the provisions of the Plan shall constitute a good faith compromise of all Claims, Interests, and

controversies relating to the contractual, legal, and subordination rights that a Holder of a Claim or Interest may have with respect to any Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest. The entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the compromise or settlement of all such Claims, Interests and controversies, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that any such compromise or settlement is in the best interests of the Debtor, its Estate, and Holders of Claims and Interests, and is fair, equitable, and reasonable.

- 12.6 Release by Debtor. Pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, as of the Effective Date, the Debtor and its Estate, the Reorganized Debtor, and each of their respective current and former Affiliates shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived and discharged the Released Parties from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims, asserted on behalf of the Debtor, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or in any way relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtor, the Debtor's restructuring, the Chapter 11 Case, the DIP Facility, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, including (without limitation) any tender rights provided under any applicable law, rule, or regulation, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the restructuring of Claims and Interests prior to or in the Chapter 11 Case, the negotiation, formulation, or preparation of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Support Agreement, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Financing, the GUC Trust Agreement, GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, or related agreements, instruments, or other documents, upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date of the Plan, other than Claims or liabilities arising out of or relating to any act or omission of a Released Party that constitutes willful misconduct or gross negligence. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the release set forth above does not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this paragraph shall in any way affect the operation of Article 12.2 of the Plan, pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 12.7 Release by Holders of Claims and Interests. As of the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived and discharged the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, its Estate, non-Debtor Affiliates, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims, asserted on behalf of the Debtor, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or in any way relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtor, the Debtor's restructuring, the Chapter 11 Case, the

DIP Facility, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, including (without limitation) any tender rights provided under any applicable law, rule, or regulation, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the restructuring of Claims and Interests prior to or in the Chapter 11 Case, the negotiation, formulation, or preparation of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Support Agreement, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Plan Supplement, the Exit Financing, the GUC Trust Agreement, the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, or related agreements, instruments, or other documents, upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date of the Plan, other than Claims or liabilities arising out of or relating to any act or omission of a Released Party that constitutes willful misconduct or gross negligence. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the release set forth above does not release any post-Effective Date obligations of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, all Vernon Tort Claimants affirmatively release the Released Parties, including for the avoidance of doubt XL solely on account of the Initial Carrier Policies. This Release shall be effective notwithstanding the carve-out to the Plan injunction to allow the Recovery Litigation in accordance with the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet, and the Vernon Tort Claimants and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust shall not seek to satisfy any settlement, judgment or other recovery they may obtain from the personal or other assets of any of the Released Parties.

Nothing in the Plan, Confirmation Order, or the Bankruptcy Code (and section 1141 thereof) discharges, releases, resolves, exculpates, precludes or enjoins: (i) any environmental liability to an Environmental Governmental Unit that is not a Claim; (ii) any environmental Claim of an Environmental Governmental Unit arising on or after the Effective Date; (iii) any environmental liability to any Environmental Governmental Unit on the part of any entity as the owner or operator of property after the Effective Date; or (iv) any liability to an Environmental Governmental Unit on the part of any Entity other than the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor. Nothing in the Plan divests any tribunal of any jurisdiction it may have under environmental law to interpret the Plan. The Debtor will continue to maintain financial assurances as required by applicable environmental law.

Nothing in the Debtor's bankruptcy proceedings, Confirmation Order, Plan, the Bankruptcy Code (and section 1141 thereof), or any other document filed in the Debtor's bankruptcy case shall in any way be construed to discharge, release, limit, or relieve any party (except the Debtor and the Estate, in which case the sole recourse available to PBGC and the Pension Plan shall be limited to the provisions of the Plan and Confirmation Order), in any capacity, from any liability or responsibility for fiduciary breach related to the Pension Plan. PBGC and the Pension Plan shall not be enjoined or precluded from enforcing such liability or responsibility by any of the provisions of the Plan, Confirmation Order, Bankruptcy Code, or any other document filed in the Debtor's bankruptcy case. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, retains any and all rights that it has under applicable law with respect to the Pension Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this <u>Article 12.7</u> shall in any way affect the operation of <u>Article 12.1</u> of the Plan, pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.

12.8 Environmental Claims.

(a) The following Claims of Environmental Governmental Units shall not be discharged pursuant to this Plan, section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, or the Confirmation Order by Confirmation of the Plan, nor shall such Claims be impaired or affected in any way in the Chapter 11 Case or by Confirmation of the Plan; provided, however, that the following exceptions from the discharge shall not apply to Claims that are subject to a settlement agreement between the Debtor and an Environmental Governmental Unit, which shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable settlement agreement and this Plan.

(i) With respect to Debtor-Owned Sites:

- (1) Claims against the Debtor by any Environmental Governmental Units under section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, or similar state law, for recovery of response costs incurred after the Petition Date with respect to response action taken at a Debtor-Owned Site, including such response action taken to address hazardous substances that have migrated from a Debtor-Owned Site to a proximate location to the extent such migration occurred after the Petition Date;
- (2) Claims against the Debtor by Environmental Governmental Units under section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, for recovery of natural resource damages for injury occurring after the Petition Date, which arises either as a result of releases or ongoing releases of hazardous substances at or which migrate from a Debtor-Owned Site after the Petition Date; and
- (3) "Migration" as used in this <u>Article 12.8</u> of the Plan shall not include deposition of lead by air on property not owned by the Debtor from lead smelters on Debtor-Owned Sites in circumstances where the smelters permanently ceased operating on or before the Petition Date.
- (b) Any Environmental Governmental Unit may pursue enforcement actions or proceedings under applicable law, solely to the extent authorized to do so under applicable non-bankruptcy law, with respect to the claims of the Debtor to Environmental Governmental Units under the foregoing Article 12.8(a) of the Plan in the manner, and by the administrative or judicial tribunals, in which the Environmental Governmental Unit could have pursued enforcement actions or proceedings if the Chapter 11 Case had never been commenced. The Debtor reserves the right to assert any and all defenses and counterclaims available to it under applicable law with respect to any claims that are asserted by any Environmental Governmental Unit in accordance with this Plan, except as otherwise specifically provided herein including but not limited to subparagraphs (a)(i)-(iii) above. The Environmental Governmental Units reserve all of their rights with respect to any defenses or counterclaims asserted by Debtor under this Article 12.8 of the Plan.

- (c) Except as otherwise provided in the 2014 Vernon Stipulation, nothing therein shall be construed to preclude or prejudice the CDTSC from taking further action under the law against Exide or the other Exide Parties (as defined in the 2014 Vernon Stipulation) with regard to any response action as a result of the release, or threatened release, of hazardous wastes, constituents of hazardous waste or hazardous substances, at or from the Vernon Facility, and the CDTSC expressly reserves all such rights. Exide reserves all rights to challenge any such action in an appropriate California forum. Assuming occurrence of the Plan Effective Date, such liabilities and/or obligations to the CDTSC will not be discharged, impaired or affected through the Chapter 11 Case or by confirmation of the Plan, including, but not limited to, liabilities and/or obligations to address the release, or threatened release, of hazardous wastes, constituents of hazardous waste or hazardous substances, at, or that have migrated or emitted, from the Vernon Facility.
- 12.9 Exculpation and Limitation of Liability. Subject to Article 12.10 of this Plan, the Exculpated Parties shall neither have, nor incur any liability to any Entity for any Exculpated Claim; provided, however, that the foregoing "exculpation" shall have no effect on the liability of any Entity that results from any such act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Confirmation shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including with regard to the distributions of the New Exide Common Stock pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not and shall not be liable at any time for the violations of any applicable, law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

- 12.10 Exclusions and Limitations on Exculpation, Indemnification, and Releases. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, no provision of this Plan or the Confirmation Order, including, without limitation, any exculpation, indemnification, or release provision, shall modify, release, or otherwise limit the liability of any Entity not specifically released hereunder, including, without limitation, any Entity who is a co-obligor or joint tortfeasor of a Released Party or who is otherwise liable under theories of vicarious or other derivative liability.
- 12.11 <u>Injunction</u>. Subject to <u>Article 12.10</u> of this Plan, the satisfaction, release, and discharge pursuant to this <u>Article XII</u> shall act as an injunction against any Entity commencing or continuing any action, employment of process, or act to collect, offset, or recover any Claim, Interest, or Cause of Action satisfied, released or to be released, exculpated or to be exculpated, or discharged under this Plan or pursuant to the Confirmation Order to the fullest extent authorized or provided by the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, to the extent provided for or authorized by sections 524 and 1141 thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee shall be allowed to commence or continue the Recovery Litigation subject to the terms of the Vernon Tort Claims Term Sheet.

12.12 Subordination Rights.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, including Articles 4.1 and 4.5 of the Plan, the allowance, classification and treatment of all Allowed Claims and the respective distributions and treatments under the Plan take into account and conform to the relative priority and rights of the Claims in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise and all Claims and all rights and claims between or among Holders of Claims relating in any manner whatsoever to distributions on account of Claims or Interests, based upon any claimed subordination rights, whether asserted or unasserted, legal or equitable, shall be deemed satisfied by the distributions under the Plan to Holders of Claims having such subordination rights, and such subordination rights shall be deemed waived, released, discharged, and terminated as of the Effective Date. Except as otherwise specifically provided for in the Plan, distributions to the various Classes of Claims hereunder shall not be subject to levy, garnishment, attachment, or like legal process by any Holder of a Claim by reason of any subordination rights or otherwise, so that each Holder of a Claim shall have and receive the benefit of the distributions in the manner set forth in the Plan.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, including Articles 4.1 and 4.5 of the Plan (including any Plan Exhibits) or the Confirmation Order, the right of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor to seek subordination of any Claim or Interest pursuant to section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code is fully reserved, and the treatment afforded any Claim or Interest that becomes a subordinated Claim or Interest at any time shall be modified to reflect such subordination; provided, however, that the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor shall not seek subordination of any DIP Facility Claim or Senior Notes Claim, and such Claims are Allowed in full and not subject to any subordination of any kind. Unless the Plan (including Plan Exhibits) or the Confirmation Order otherwise provide, no distributions shall be made on account of a Claim subordinated pursuant to this Article 12.12(b) unless ordered by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 12.13 Protection Against Discriminatory Treatment. Consistent with section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code and paragraph 2 of Article VI of the United States Constitution, no Governmental Unit shall discriminate against the Reorganized Debtor or deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to, condition such a grant to, discriminate with respect to such a grant against, the Reorganized Debtor, or another entity with whom such the Reorganized Debtor has been associated, solely because the Debtor has been a debtor under chapter 11, has been insolvent before the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case (or during the Chapter 11 Case but before the Debtor is granted or denied a discharge), or has not paid a debt that is dischargeable in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 12.14 Recoupment. In no event shall any Holder of Claims or Interests be entitled to recoup any Claim or Interest against any Claim, right, or Cause of Action of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, unless such Holder actually has performed such recoupment and provided notice thereof in writing to the Debtor on or before the Confirmation Date, notwithstanding any indication in any proof of Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of recoupment.

- 12.15 Release of Liens. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date, all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estate shall be fully released, and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any Holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests shall revert to the Reorganized Debtor and its successors and assigns. Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this Plan or the Confirmation Order shall release any deed restriction, easements, or institutional control that runs with the land under environmental law.
- 12.16 Reimbursement or Contribution. If the Bankruptcy Court disallows a Claim for reimbursement or contribution of an entity pursuant to section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, then to the extent that such Claim is contingent as of the Effective Date, such Claim shall be forever Disallowed notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless prior to the Effective Date (1) such Claim has been adjudicated as noncontingent or (2) the relevant Holder of a Claim has filed a noncontingent proof of Claim on account of such Claim and a Final Order has been entered determining such Claim as no longer contingent.

ARTICLE XIII

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- 13.1 Conditions to the Effective Date of the Plan. The following are conditions precedent to the occurrence of the Effective Date, each of which may be satisfied or waived in accordance with Article 13.3 of this Plan, and each of which must be reasonably satisfactory to the Required Consenting Creditors and the Requisite Backstop Parties:
- (a) the Plan and Plan Transaction Documents shall be in a form and substance consistent in all material respects with the Plan Support Agreement;
- (b) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Disclosure Statement Order, and such order shall be a Final Order;
- (c) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order in form and substance consistent in all material respects with the Plan Support Agreement, and such order shall be a Final Order;
- (d) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order in form and substance consistent in all material respects with the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement;
- (e) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Plan Support Agreement Approval Order and the Plan Support Agreement shall not have been terminated by any of the parties thereto, and no defaults or termination events thereunder shall exist;
- (f) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Rights Offering Procedures Order, and the Rights Offering shall have been consummated in all material respects in accordance with the Rights Offering Procedures Order and the Backstop Commitment Agreement, and no defaults or termination events thereunder shall exist;

- (g) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Backstop Commitment Agreement Approval Order and the Backstop Commitment Agreement shall not have been terminated pursuant to its terms;
- (h) Exide (i) shall have obtained the Exit Financing, (ii) shall have executed and delivered the documentation governing the Exit Financing, which Exit Financing shall close substantially contemporaneously prior to or on the Effective Date, and (iii) all conditions to effectiveness of the Exit Financing (other than any required receipt of equity funding) shall have been satisfied or waived (or will be satisfied and waived substantially concurrently with the occurrence of the Effective Date);
- (i) the organizational documents of Reorganized Debtor and as otherwise required as part of the restructuring transactions contemplated herein and under the PSA, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtor, the Required Consenting Creditors and the Required Backstop Parties, shall have been adopted and (where required by applicable law) filed with the applicable authorities of the relevant jurisdictions of organization and shall have become effective in accordance with such jurisdiction's corporation or limited liability company laws;
- (j) all authorizations, consents, certifications, approvals, rulings, no action letters, opinions or other documents or actions required by any law, regulation or order to be received or to occur in order to implement the Plan on the Effective Date shall have been obtained or shall have occurred unless failure to do so will not have a material adverse effect on the Reorganized Debtor;
- (k) the New Board and senior management shall have been selected and shall agree to serve in such capacity, and the New Board and senior management and shall be satisfactory to the Required Consenting Creditors, majority of the Backstop Parties, and Holders of DIP Term Loan Claims that participate in the DIP/Second Lien Conversion;
- (l) all other documents and agreements necessary to implement the Plan on the Effective Date, in form and substance acceptable to the Debtor, the Required Consenting Creditors and the Required Backstop Parties, to the extent required herein, the Plan Support Agreement or the Backstop Commitment Agreement, and shall have been executed and delivered and all other actions required to be taken in connection with the Effective Date shall have occurred;
- (m) all statutory fees and obligations then due and payable to the Office of the United States Trustee shall have been paid and satisfied in full; and
- (n) all fees and obligations then due and payable pursuant to paragraphs 15(c) and (d) of the DIP Facility Order shall have been paid and satisfied in full.
- 13.2 Failure of Conditions Precedent Upon a Sale. If the Debtor pursues or consummates a sale of some, all, or substantially all of its assets, the conditions precedent to this Plan are deemed incapable of being satisfied and the Effective Date of the Plan shall not occur.

- 13.3 Waiver of Conditions Precedent. The conditions set forth in Article 13.1 other than the conditions in Article 13.1(c) of this Plan may be waived, in whole or in part, by the Debtor, the Consenting Creditors, and the Requisite Backstop Parties (except with respect to Article 13.1(d), which may only be waived by the parties to the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement) without any notice to any other parties-in-interest or the Bankruptcy Court and without a hearing.
- 13.4 Notice of Effective Date. The Debtor shall file with the Bankruptcy Court a notice of the occurrence of the Effective Date reasonably satisfactory to the Required Consenting Creditors and the Requisite Backstop Parties with a reasonable period of time after the conditions in Article 13.1 of this Plan have been satisfied or waived pursuant to Article 13.3 of this Plan.
- 13.5 Effect of Non-Occurrence of Conditions to Consummation. If prior to consummation of the Plan, the Confirmation Order is vacated pursuant to a Final Order, then except as provided in any order of the Bankruptcy Court vacating the Confirmation Order, the Plan will be null and void in all respects, and nothing contained in the Plan or Disclosure Statement shall (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action, (b) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor or any other Entity, or (c) constitute an admission, acknowledgment, offer, or undertaking of any sort by the Debtor or any other Entity.

ARTICLE XIV

RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

Pursuant to sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all matters arising out of, and related to, the Chapter 11 Case and the Plan, including jurisdiction to:

- (a) resolve any matters related to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, including: (i) the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases to which the Debtor is a party or with respect to which the Debtor may be liable, and to hear and determine the allowance of Claims resulting therefrom including the amount of Cure, if any, required to be paid; (ii) any potential contractual obligation under any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed; (iii) the Reorganized Debtor's amendment, modification, or supplement after the Effective Date, pursuant to Article VIII of the Plan, of the lists of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be assumed or rejected or otherwise; and (iv) any dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or expired;
- (b) adjudicate any and all adversary proceedings, applications, and contested matters that may be commenced or maintained pursuant to the Chapter 11 Case, this Plan, or that were the subject of proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court, including the Rule 2004 Motions, prior to the Effective Date, proceedings to adjudicate the allowance of Disputed Claims and Disputed Interests, and all controversies and issues arising from or relating to any of the foregoing;

- (c) adjudicate any and all adversary proceedings and contested matters that may be commenced and maintained by the GUC Trust and the Vernon Tort Claims Trust; provided, however, that nothing herein constitutes a consent by the Vernon Tort Claims Trustee or any Vernon Tort Claimants to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court as to any Recovery Litigation, and no party shall seek to transfer any Recovery Litigation to the Bankruptcy Court;
- (d) ensure that distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims are accomplished as provided herein and adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan;
- (e) allow in whole or in part, disallow in whole or in part, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate, or establish the priority, secured or unsecured status, or amount of any Claim or Interest, including hearing and determining any and all objections to the allowance or estimation of Claims or Interests filed, both before and after the Confirmation Date, including any objections to the classification of any Claim or Interest, and the resolution of request for payment of any Administrative Claim;
- (f) hear and determine or resolve any and all matters related to Causes of Action;
- (g) enter and implement such orders as may be appropriate if the Confirmation Order is for any reason stayed, revoked, modified, and/or vacated;
- (h) issue and implement orders in aid of execution, implementation, or consummation of this Plan;
- (i) consider any modifications of this Plan, to cure any defect or omission, or to reconcile any inconsistency in any order of the Bankruptcy Court, including, without limitation, the Confirmation Order;
- (j) hear and determine all applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of Professional Claims under this Plan or under sections 330, 331, 503(b), 1103, and 1129(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (k) determine requests for the payment of Claims entitled to priority under section 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, including compensation and reimbursement of expenses of parties entitled thereto;
- (l) adjudicate, decide, or resolve any and all matters related to section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (m) hear and determine disputes arising in connection with the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of this Plan or the Confirmation Order, including disputes arising under agreements, documents, or instruments executed in connection with this Plan and disputes arising in connection with any Entity's obligations incurred in connection with the Plan;

- (n) hear and determine all suits or adversary proceedings to recover assets of the Debtor and property of its Estate, wherever located;
- (o) hear and determine matters concerning state, local, and federal taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (p) resolve any matters relating to the pre- and post-confirmation sales of the Debtor's assets;
- (q) grant any consensual request to extend the deadline for assuming or rejecting Unexpired Leases pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code;
 - (r) hear any other matter not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code;
- (s) hear and determine all disputes involving the existence, nature or scope of the Debtor's discharge;
 - (t) enter a Final Decree closing the Chapter 11 Case;
 - (u) enforce all orders previously entered by the Bankruptcy Court;
- (v) hear and determine all matters relating to any Section 510(b) Claim;
- (w) hear and determine all matters arising in connection with the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Backstop Commitment Agreement;
- (x) hear and determine all disputes and issues arising from the GUC Trust, the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, the GUC Trust Agreement, the assets and Causes of Action granted and/or assigned to the GUC Trust, and any other related matters in connection therewith;
- (y) hear and determine all disputes concerning the IP Transactions, whether raised by the GUC Trust Trustee or the Reorganized Debtor;
- (z) hear and determine all disputes as to whether, pursuant to the terms of the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, any LME Pricing Claims actions can be commenced against additional parties;
- (aa) hear and determine matters concerning the Rule 2004 Motions. The GUC Trust may pursue relief pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2004 after the Effective Date and the Bankruptcy Court shall have and retain jurisdiction to address same;
- (bb) hear and determine all disputes regarding the out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Debtor and Reorganized Debtor in connection with cooperating with the GUC Trust Trustee with respect to GUC Trust Preference Actions in accordance with Article 7.5 of this Plan; and

(cc) hear and determine all disputes and issues arising from the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, the Vernon Tort Claims Trust Agreement, the assets granted and/or assigned to the Vernon Tort Claims Trust, and any other related matters in connection therewith.

From the Confirmation Date through the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to each of the foregoing items and all other matters that were subject to its jurisdiction prior to the Confirmation Date; provided, however, that the Bankruptcy Court shall not have nor retain exclusive jurisdiction over any post-Effective Date agreement, including but not limited to any of the Exit Financing Commitment Agreements, the New First Lien High Yield Notes, and the New Second Lien Convertible Notes. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to increase, decrease or otherwise modify the independence, sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court.

ARTICLE XV

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 15.1 Binding Effect. Upon the Effective Date, this Plan shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, all current and former Holders of Claims, all current and former Holders of Interests, and all other parties-in-interest and their respective heirs, successors, and assigns.
- 15.2 Payment of Statutory Fees. All fees payable pursuant to section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code, as of the entry of the Confirmation Order as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at the Confirmation Hearing, shall be paid on the Effective Date. The Reorganized Debtor shall continue to pay fees pursuant to section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code until the Chapter 11 Case is closed by entry of the Final Decree.
- 15.3 Payment of Certain Additional Professional Fees. To the extent not paid prior to the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall pay all obligations required to be paid under paragraphs 15(c) and (d) of the DIP Facility Order in Cash until such obligations are satisfied in full.
- 15.4 Modification and Amendments. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan Support Agreement and the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement, the Debtor may alter, amend, or modify this Plan under section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code at any time prior to the Confirmation Date. After the Confirmation Date and prior to substantial consummation of this Plan as defined in section 1101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor may, with consent of the Required Consenting Creditors, the Requisite Backstop Parties, and the Creditors' Committee (solely to the extent it effects the GUC Trust Settlement Agreement), not to unreasonably be withheld, under section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, institute proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court to remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistencies in this Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Confirmation Order, and such matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effects of this Plan.
- 15.5 Confirmation of the Plan. The Debtor requests Confirmation of the Plan under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Impaired Class that does not

accept the Plan pursuant to section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor reserves the right to amend the Plan to any extent, if any, that Confirmation pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code requires modification.

- 15.6 Additional Documents. On or before the Effective Date, in each case subject to the terms of the Plan Support Agreement, the Debtor may file with the Bankruptcy Court such agreements or other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and Holders of Claims receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan and all other parties in interest shall, from time to time, prepare, execute, and deliver any agreements or documents and take any other actions as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the provision and intent of the Plan.
- 15.7 Withholding and Reporting Requirements. In connection with this Plan and all instruments issued in connection therewith and distributions thereunder, the Debtor shall comply with all withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any federal, state, local, or foreign taxing authority, and all distributions hereunder shall be subject to any such withholding and reporting requirements.
- 15.8 Dissolution of Creditors' Committee. Effective on the Effective Date, the Creditors' Committee shall dissolve automatically, whereupon their members, professionals, and agents shall be released from any further duties, responsibilities, and liabilities in the Chapter 11 Case and under the Bankruptcy Code, provided that obligations arising under confidentiality agreements, joint interest agreements, and protective orders entered during the Chapter 11 Case shall remain in full force and effect according to their terms. The Creditors' Committee may make applications for Professional Claims. The Professionals retained by the Creditors' Committee and the Debtor and the respective members of the Creditors' Committee shall not be entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses for services rendered after the Effective Date, provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Professionals retained by the Creditors' Committee shall be entitled to submit invoices for compensation and reimbursement of expenses for time spent with respect to applications for the allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses filed after the Effective Date.

15.9 Revocation, Withdrawal, or Non-Consummation.

- (a) **Right to Revoke or Withdraw**. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan Support Agreement, the Debtor reserves the right to revoke or withdraw this Plan at any time prior to the Effective Date and file subsequent chapter 11 plans.
- (b) Effect of Withdrawal, Revocation, or Non-Consummation. If the Debtor revokes or withdraws this Plan prior to the Effective Date, or if the Confirmation Date or the Effective Date does not occur, then this Plan, any settlement or compromise embodied in this Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount certain any Claim or Class of Claims or the allocation of the distributions to be made hereunder), the assumption or rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases effected by this Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to this Plan shall be null and void in all respects. In such event,

nothing contained herein or in the Disclosure Statement, and no acts taken in preparation for consummation of this Plan, shall be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action by or against the Debtor or any other Entity, to prejudice in any manner the rights and defenses of the Debtor, the Holder of a Claim or Interest, or any Entity in any further proceedings involving the Debtor, or to constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking of any sort by the Debtor or any other Entity.

15.10 Notices. After the Effective Date, any pleading, notice, or other document required by the Plan to be served on or delivered to the Reorganized Debtor shall be served on:

If to the Debtor:

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15.11 Term of Injunctions or Stays. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, all injunctions or stays in effect in the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to sections 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or any order of the Bankruptcy Court, and existing on the Confirmation Date (excluding any injunctions or stays contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order) shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date. All injunctions or stays contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

15.12 Governing Law. Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) or unless otherwise specifically stated, the laws of the State of New York shall govern the construction and implementation of this Plan, any agreements, documents, and instruments executed in connection with this Plan (except as otherwise set forth in those agreements, in which case the governing law of such agreements shall control). Corporate governance matters shall be governed by the laws of the state of incorporation of the Reorganized Debtor.

15.13 Entire Agreement. Except as otherwise indicated, the Plan supersedes all previous and contemporaneous negotiations, promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, and representations on such subjects, all of which have become merged and integrated into the Plan.

15.14 Severability. If, prior to Confirmation, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted; provided, however, that any such revision, amendment, or modification must be consistent with the Plan Support Agreement and cannot effect an Economic Change (as such term is defined in the Plan Support Agreement). Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the foregoing, is (a) valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms, (b) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the Debtor's consent, and (c) nonseverable and mutually dependent.

15.15 No Waiver or Estoppel. Upon the Effective Date, each Holder of a Claim or Interest shall be deemed to have waived any right to assert that its Claim or Interest should be Allowed in a certain amount, in a certain priority, be secured, or not be subordinated by virtue of an agreement made with the Debtor and/or their counsel, the Creditors' Committee and/or its counsel, or any other party, if such agreement was not disclosed in this Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or papers filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

15.16 Conflicts. In the event that the provisions of the Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Plan conflict, the terms of this Plan shall govern.

Dated: March 27, 2015

EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES

By: <u>/s/ Ed Mosley</u> Ed Mosley

Chief Restructuring Officer

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE DATE

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	: Chapter 11
EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES,	: Case No. 13-11482 (KJC)
Debtor.1	Related Docket Nos
	x
FOURTH AMENDED PLAN OF RI	NTRY OF ORDER CONFIRMING EORGANIZATION OF EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES , TIVE DATE, AND (C) CERTAIN DEADLINES
Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delay "Confirmation Order") [Docket No. [●]] Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. [●]] Confirmation Order and the Plan, together in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, a Court's website, http://www.deb.uscourts.required), or by accessing the website of the state of the confirmation of the property of the state of the confirmation of the property of the propert	E that on
Effective Date of the Plan occurred. All c	ER NOTICE that on, 2015, the conditions precedent to consummation of the Plan set ied or waived in accordance with the Plan and
	ER NOTICE that, except as set forth in the Plan or the tent of an Administrative Claim must be filed with the e that is 30 days after the Effective Date.

The last four digits of the Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 2730. The Debtor's corporate headquarters are located at 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all final requests for payment of Professional Claims for services rendered to the Debtors from the Petition Date through and including _______, 2015 shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before the date that is 60 days after the Effective Date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE pursuant to Article IX of the Plan, unless an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease: (a) is listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" contained in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan; (b) has been previously assumed by the Debtor by Final Order of the Court or has been assumed by the Debtor by order of the Court as of the Effective Date, which order becomes a Final Order after the Effective Date; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume or reject pending as of the Effective Date; (d) is an Executory Contract related to any Intercompany Claim; or (e) is otherwise assumed pursuant to the terms of the Plan, such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease is deemed automatically rejected as of the Effective Date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless otherwise provided by a Bankruptcy Court order, any proofs of Claim asserting Claims arising from the rejection of the Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases pursuant to the Plan or otherwise must be filed with the Claims and Solicitation Agent no later than 30 days after the later of the Effective Date or the effective date of rejection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to Article IX, except as otherwise set forth in the Plan or Confirmation Order, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease listed on the schedule of "Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" in Exhibit 9.1 of the Plan are deemed assumed as of the Effective Date, and shall be assumed, or assumed and assigned, as applicable, and shall vest in and be fully enforceable by the Reorganized Debtor or its assignee in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan or any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing or providing for its assumption or applicable federal law. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed shall include all modifications, amendments, supplements, restatements, or other agreements that in any manner affect such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, and all rights related thereto, if any, including all easements, licenses, permits, rights, privileges, immunities, options, rights of first refusal, and any other interests, unless any of the foregoing agreements has been previously rejected or repudiated or is rejected or repudiated pursuant to the Plan. The Confirmation Order shall constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving any such assumptions pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless a counterparty to an assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease filed a proper and timely objection to the Cure Notice or proposed Cure on or before fourteen (14) days after the applicable counterparty was served with a Cure Notice, such counterparty shall be deemed to have consented to the Cure Amount and

shall be forever barred from asserting, collecting, or seeking to collect any additional amounts relating thereto against the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, or the property of any of them.

Dated:	Wilmington,	Delay	ware
			2015

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EXHIBIT C

NOTICE OF SENIOR NOTES A2 RIGHTS OFFERING ELECTION

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	: Chapter 11
EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES,	: Case No. 13-11482 (KJC)
Debtor. ¹	Related Docket Nos

NOTICE TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF SENIOR NOTES ALTERNATIVE DISTRIBUTION CLAIMS WITH RESPECT TO SENIOR NOTES STOCK ELECTION DEADLINE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on November 17, 2014, the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor") filed the Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 2632]. On January 30, 2015, the Debtor filed the First Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3060]. On February 5, 2015, the Debtor filed the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3096]. On March 25, 2015, the Debtor filed the Third Amended Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies [Docket No. 3369] (as may be further amended from time to time and including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the "Plan").²

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT on February 4, 2015, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered the Order (A) Approving the Adequacy of the Debtor's Disclosure Statement with Respect to the Plan of Reorganization of Exide Technologies; (B) Approving Solicitation and Notice Procedures with Respect to Confirmation of the Debtor's Proposed Plan of Reorganization; (C) Approving the Form of Various Ballots and Notices in Connection Therewith; and (D) Scheduling Certain Dates with Respect Thereto [Docket No. 3092] (the "Disclosure Statement Order") that, among other things, (a) approved the adequacy of the Second Amended Disclosure Statement With Respect to the Plan [Docket No. 3095] (as amended from time to time and including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the "Disclosure Statement") filed in support of the Plan and (b) authorized the Debtor to solicit acceptances or rejections of the Plan from Holders of Impaired Claims who are (or may be) entitled to receive distributions under the Plan.

The last four digits of the Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 2730. The Debtor's corporate headquarters is 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Disclosure Statement Order (defined below), as applicable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT you are receiving this notice because you may be a Holder of a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Plan, (i) Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims who have completed a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Class Certification by submitting a valid instruction through the Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP") platform maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") into contra-CUSIP number U30NON9D8, 302NON9P5, or 302NON9Q3 (the "Existing Contra-CUSIPs"), (ii) Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims who took no action through DTC's ATOP platform and continue to hold their Senior Notes under CUSIP number U3003PAD4, 302051AP2, or 302051AQ0 (the "Target CUSIPs"), or (iii) Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Claims who would otherwise qualify for a distribution pursuant to Article 4.1(b) of the Plan shall have thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (the "Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline") to make a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Certification³ (as further defined in the Plan) through DTC certifying that such Holder is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(4), (5), or (6) under the Securities Act. To this end, Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims that previously submitted valid and timely instructions into one of the Existing Contra-CUSIPs will be provided the opportunity to withdraw their ATOP submissions from the Existing Contra-CUSIPs for the purpose of making either the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election or Senior Notes Stock Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Plan, if a Holder of a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim that holds its Senior Notes in one of the Target CUSIPs or withdraws its Senior Notes from one of the Existing Contra-CUSIPs timely completes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Certification, such Holder of a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim may timely and irrevocably elect, through DTC, to receive: in lieu of its Pro Rata share of the Alternative Distribution Cash under Article 4.1(b)(ii)(1)(A) of the Plan, its right to participate, on a Pro Rata basis, in the Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering; provided, however, that if a Holder makes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election, such Holder is also electing to receive such Holder's Pro Rata portion of New Exide Common Stock in lieu of such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Plan, (i)
Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims who have completed a
Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Class Certification by submitting a valid instruction
into one of the Existing Contra-CUSIPs on DTC's ATOP platform, (ii) Holders of Allowed

The Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering means the right of Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution claims to purchase up to \$10,863, 730 of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes on the same terms as the Rights Offering Subscription Rights by making a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election.

Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims who took no action through DTC's ATOP platform and continue to hold their Senior Notes under one of the Target CUSIPs, and (iii) Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Claims who would otherwise qualify for a distribution pursuant to Article 4.1(b) of the Plan shall have until the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline to make the Senior Notes Stock Election (as defined in the Plan) through DTC, pursuant to which such Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims shall receive: in lieu of such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments under Article 4.1(b)(ii)(1)(C) of the Plan, such Holder's Pro Rata portion of New Exide Common Stock distributed to Allowed Senior Notes Eligible Holder Claims; provided, however, as set forth above, any Holder who makes a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election is also electing to receive such Holder's Pro Rata portion of New Exide Common Stock in lieu of such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments. For the avoidance of doubt, a Holder of Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims need not be an "accredited investor" under the Securities Law to make a Senior Notes Stock Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if a Holder of a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim does <u>not</u> make a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election by the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline, such Holder may still make a Senior Notes Stock Election by the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline, in which case it will receive, in lieu of such Holder's Pro Rata share, based on the aggregate amount of Allowed Class A1 Claims and Allowed Class A2 Claims that make the Senior Notes Stock Election, of 10.0% of the New Exide Common Stock after giving effect to conversion of the New Second Lien Convertible Notes (prior to dilution on account of the MIP and any paid-in-kind interest accruing on the New Second Lien Convertible Notes prior to conversion). If such Holder does not complete a Senior Notes Stock Election by the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline, and if such Holder completes a Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Certification in accordance with the terms of the Plan, such Holder shall receive its Pro Rata share of the Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Deferred Payments.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if a Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claim withdraws from the Existing Contra-CUSIPs and fails to make a Senior Notes A2 Rights Offering Election or Senior Notes Stock Election by the Senior Notes Alternative Election Deadline, such Holder will be required to submit a Post-Effective Date Noteholder Certification Form before receiving any distribution on account of its Senior Notes Secured Claim and may experience a delay in such distribution.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the treatment of Holders of Senior Notes Alternative Distribution Claims is more fully described in the Plan.⁴

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Any and all summaries included herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to the applicable provisions of the Plan and Disclosure Statement Order. Please review the Plan and Disclosure Statement Order for more information.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Plan, the Disclosure Statement and the Disclosure Statement Order may be obtained from the Debtor's Administrative Agent, GCG, LLC (the "Administrative Agent"), by: (a) accessing the Debtor's restructuring website at http://www.exiderestructuringinfo.com, (b) writing to Exide Balloting Center, c/o GCG, Inc., P.O. Box 9985, Dublin, OH 43017-5985; or (iii) calling the Debtor's restructuring hotline at (888) 985-9831 within the U.S. or Canada or, outside of the U.S. or Canada, (614) 763-6120.

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