



Polypore Signs New Evergreen Supply Agreement with Exide

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Jan 19, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Polypore International, Inc. (NYSE:PPO) today announced a new evergreen supply agreement in which Polypore's Daramic business unit will supply the majority of Exide Technologies' (Nasdaq:XIDE) lead-acid battery separators on a global basis. This multi-year agreement continues a long-standing relationship between the two companies that has lasted over 40 years. The agreement automatically renews on the contract anniversary date unless either party provides substantial advance notice of termination under the terms of the contract.

Bob Toth, President and Chief Executive Officer of Polypore, noted, "We are pleased to remain the major supplier to one of the world's largest and leading battery producers. We are very committed to the ongoing success and growth of Exide Technologies and look forward to supporting their needs throughout the world."

About Polypore International, Inc.

Polypore International, Inc. is a global high technology filtration company specializing in microporous membranes. Polypore's flat sheet and hollow fiber membranes are used in specialized applications that require the removal or separation of various materials from liquids, primarily in the ultrafiltration and microfiltration markets. Based in Charlotte, NC, Polypore International, Inc. is a market leader with manufacturing facilities or sales offices in ten countries serving six continents. See www.polypore.net.

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