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Exide Technologies Network Power Facility in Fort Smith Receives ISO 14001 Certification

PRINCETON, N.J., Feb. 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Exide Technologies network power facility in Fort Smith, Arkansas, has achieved ISO 14001 certification of its environmental management system (EMS). Exide Technologies (OTC Bulletin Board: EXDT) is the global leader in stored electrical energy solutions. The Fort Smith operation, which also is ISO 9001 certified, is the thirteenth of the company's facilities worldwide to have received the ISO 14001 accreditation. Exide received its first ISO 14001 certification in June of 1999.

Exide's Fort Smith facility produces the sealed lead-acid battery brands Absolyte and Absolyte XL as well as GNB flooded lead-acid batteries for telecommunications and uninterruptible power supply (UPS) power applications. Customers include AT&T, Bell Canada, NTT, Telus and Verizon. The ISO 14001 certification, sanctioned by the International Organization for Standardization in Geneva, verifies that a plant's environmental processes conform to relevant standards. It defines the elements of an effective environmental management system that can be integrated with other management requirements to assist organizations in achieving environmental and economic goals. The certification was awarded by auditor Det Norske Veritas (DNV), an independent foundation with the objective of safeguarding life, property and the environment, and a leading international provider of services for managing risk.

"Exide's management systems integrate sound environmental principles in all practices company-wide," said Craig H. Muhlhauser, President and CEO of Exide Technologies. "In addition to assuring that our performance will continue to meet legal and other policy requirements, the ISO 14001 certification of our management systems complements our commitment to quality and also helps us identify ways to reduce cost and enhance the sustainability of our operations."

The ISO 14001 certification of the Fort Smith facility follows similar ISO 14001 recognitions issued at Exide plants in Auxerre, France; Horton, Norway; Poznan, Poland; Azuqueca and Manzanares, Spain; and Bad Lauterberg, Budinggen, and Weiden, Germany in 2001.

About Exide Technologies:

Exide Technologies is the world's largest industrial and transportation battery producer and recycler with operations in 89 countries.

Industrial applications include network-power batteries for telecommunications systems, fuel-cell load leveling, electric utilities, railroads, photovoltaic (solar-power related) and uninterruptible power supply (UPS) markets; and motive-power batteries for a broad range of equipment uses, including lift trucks, mining vehicles and commercial vehicles.

Transportation uses include automotive, heavy-duty truck, agricultural, marine and other batteries, as well as new technologies being developed for hybrid vehicles and new 42-volt automotive applications. The company supplies both aftermarket and original-equipment transportation customers.

Further information about Exide Technologies, its financial results and other information can be found at www.exide.com.

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