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VIA FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL

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Re: Exide Technologies, *et al.*

Dear Matt:

On behalf of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of Exide Technologies, *et al.* (the "Debtors"), I am formally requesting the Debtors to respond promptly and proactively to formal inquiries made by qualified entities expressing an interest in buying some or all of the Debtors' assets and/or stock (the "Bidders").

As you are aware, John D. Craig, Chairman, President & CEO of EnerSys, formally expressed his company's interest in acquiring certain assets of the Debtors in a letter to Craig Muhlhauser dated August 28, 2003 (attached hereto). The Committee views this letter as a strong indication that serious interest exists among potential buyers for some or all of the Debtors' assets and/or stock at healthy values. As such, the Committee feels that prompt and proactive responses to formal inquiries from Bidders like EnerSys are critical for maximizing the value of the Debtors' assets above and beyond the value that can be attained via a standalone plan of reorganization. Clearly, it is a fundamental objective of any Chapter 11 reorganization to achieve the highest and best value for a debtor's assets so that a fair and equitable distribution may be made to creditors.

In addition, the Committee requests that the Debtors allow a representative of the Committee to participate in the Company's discussions with Bidders.

On August 22, 2003, Lisa Donahue, the Debtors' Chief Restructuring Officer, testified that if the standstill agreement regarding the Debtors' DIP facility is not extended, then "[the Debtors] will be probably at the mercy of Citibank." Indeed, the Debtors indicated to the Bankruptcy Court that a delay in emerging from Chapter 11 "is tantamount to a death sentence for the Debtors." As such, the Committee feels it is undoubtedly prudent, critical, and urgent that the Debtors pursue negotiations with Bidders as a backup plan in case the Debtors' plan of reorganization is not confirmed and/or the standstill agreement is not extended since either event will significantly impair the value of the Debtors' assets otherwise.

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Therefore, the Committee requests that the Debtors cooperate with Bidders. The Committee intends such cooperation to include, without limitation:

- promptly negotiating in good faith confidentiality agreements between the Debtors and Bidders;
- proactively responding to due diligence requests for documents, financial data, and other information about the Debtors;
- granting access to any data and data room that the Debtors have assembled for other potential buyers;
- promptly arranging interviews with senior management for Bidders;
- proactively and promptly responding to letters of interest, term sheets, or other formal expressions or indications of interest sent by Bidders; and
- granting access to lenders and advisors who are working with Bidders for the purpose of completing due diligence.

If the Debtors and their advisors feel such cooperation would involve an undue burden given their other responsibilities, the Committee and its advisors have ample availability to assist. Please respond to this letter by noon on Thursday, September 4, 2003. Given the present posture of the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases, I'm sure you will agree that time is of the essence.

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Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, I urge you to contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your timely attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

Fred S. Hodara

Enclosure

cc: David Stratton
Arthur Newman
Lisa Donahue
William Derrough
Members of the Committee