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<p>The Secretary <b>The Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited</b> 7 Lyons Range Kolkata - 700 001 <b>CSE Scrip Code: 15060 &amp; 10015060</b></p>	<p>The Secretary <b>BSE Limited</b> Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street, Mumbai - 400 001 <b>BSE Scrip Code: 500086</b></p>
<p>The Secretary <b>National Stock Exchange of India Limited</b> Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor, Plot no. C/1, G Block Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051 <b>NSE Symbol: EXIDEIND</b></p>	-

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Sub: Disclosure under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“LODR Regulations”) read with Para A, Part A of Schedule III to the LODR Regulations.**

This is to inform you that a Joint Venture Agreement (“JVA”) dated 27 June 2018 was signed between ‘Exide Industries Limited’ (“Exide”) and ‘LECLANCHÉ S.A.’, a company incorporated under the laws of Switzerland and having its registered office at Avenue des Sports 42, 1400 Yverdon-les Bains, Switzerland (“Leclanché”).

The disclosures required under sub-paragraph 5 of Para A, Part A of Schedule III of the LODR Regulations in relation to the JVA is enclosed herewith.

A copy of the Press Release is also enclosed.

You are requested to kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you.

**For Exide Industries Limited**



**(Jitendra Kumar)**

**Company Secretary & EVP- Legal & Admin**

**ACS No. 11159**

**Disclosures under sub-paragraph 5 of Para A, Part A of Schedule III of LODR Regulations in relation to the JVA:**

a.	Name(s) of parties with whom the agreement is entered.	<b>Exide Industries Limited</b> (“Exide”) and <b>LECLANCHÉ S.A.</b> , a company incorporated under the laws of Switzerland and having its registered office at Avenue des Sports 42, 1400 Yverdon-les Bains, Switzerland (“ <b>Leclanché</b> ”)
b.	Purpose of entering into the agreement.	<p>Purpose of entering into the JVA, <i>inter alia</i>, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recording the terms and conditions upon which a new Joint Venture Company (“JVC”) will be incorporated and managed;</li> <li>• recording the terms and conditions on which each Party will subscribe to shares in the JVC;</li> <li>• regulating the relationship between the Parties, as shareholders, in the JVC; and</li> <li>• other matters incidental thereto.</li> </ul> <p>The JVC will undertake the following business in the territory of India (“<b>Territory</b>”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• manufacture, assembly, trade, sale and distribution of lithium ion batteries, module making and associated systems (“<b>Products</b>”) in the Territory (“<b>Battery Pack Assembly Plant</b>”);</li> <li>• contract manufacturing/ sourcing of modules for third parties in the Territory on a case to case basis for strategic reasons as may be agreed between the Parties; and/ or</li> <li>• setting up a cell manufacturing plant in the Territory.</li> </ul> <p>Leclanché will grant a license to the JVC of its latest and most efficient technology for manufacturing of lithium ion batteries, module making and associated systems. The license to the JVC of the technology will <i>inter-alia</i> include the right to use intellectual property, designs, knowhow and drawings of Leclanché, and imparting necessary training to the personnel of the JVC for exploitation of the technology.</p>
c.	Shareholding, if any, in the entity with whom the agreement is executed.	<p>The initial authorised and paid up capital of the JVC would be Rs. 5,00,000/- divided into 50,000 equity shares of Rs. 10 each.</p> <p>Exide will make an initial capital contribution of Rs.</p>



		3,74,950/- at a subscription price of Rs. 10 per share and Leclanché will make an initial capital contribution of Rs. 1,25,050/- at a subscription price of Rs. 10 per share constituting approximately 74.99% and 25.01% of the total paid up capital of the JVC respectively.
d.	Significant terms of the agreement (in brief) special rights like right to appoint directors, first right to share subscription in case of issuance of shares, right to restrict any change in capital structure, etc.	The JVA has various customary minority protection rights, including the right of the shareholders to nominate directors on the board of the JVC, a list of reserved matters in relation to the JVC which require the affirmative approval of both shareholders, deadlock resolution mechanism, exit rights upon the occurrence of an event of default, mutual rights of first refusal in connection with any proposal by either party to transfer shares in the JVC to a third party.
e.	Whether, the said parties are related to promoter/promoter group/ group companies in any manner. If yes, nature of relationship;	Leclanché is not related to the promoter/ promoter group/ group companies of Exide.
f.	Whether the transaction would fall within related party transactions? if yes, whether the same is done at "arm's length".	The proposed investment in the JVC will not fall within related party transactions.  However, following Exide's investment, the JVC will become a "subsidiary company" of Exide, i.e., by virtue of Exide having shareholding in excess of 50% in the JVC.
g.	In case of issuance of shares to the parties, details of issue price, class of shares issued.	Covered in point (c) above
h.	Any other disclosures related to such agreements, viz., details of nominee on the board of directors of the listed entity, potential conflict of interest arising out of such agreements, etc.	NA

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Exide Industries, India's largest manufacturer of batteries, and Leclanché announce the launch of a new joint venture to build lithium-ion batteries and energy storage solutions to power the growth of India's electric vehicle market**

- **Exclusive joint venture (JV) agreement signed on 27 June 2018 to address India's transition to green energy and clean transportation**
- **Well timed JV, ideally positioned to be a leading provider to emerging multi GWh storage markets for electric vehicles and grid connected applications in India**

**Mumbai, India - Yverdon, Switzerland, 27 June 2018.** Exide Industries Ltd, India's largest manufacturer of lead acid storage batteries and power storage solutions provider (BSE: 500086), and Leclanché SA (SIX:LECN), one of the world's leading energy storage solution companies, headquartered in Switzerland, announced today a joint venture to build lithium-ion batteries and provide energy storage systems for India's electric vehicle market and grid-based applications.

With all the major cities in the world suffering from record-breaking pollution levels, there is an urgent need for radical new ways to power transport. Countries all over the world are working to find alternative solutions to reduce harmful NOx emissions, which are damaging to human health and the environment.

As part of the JV, Leclanché will provide access to its knowhow and intellectual property for lithium-ion cells, modules and battery management systems and Exide Industries will leverage its extensive sales network and brand. As a result of this unique combination, the JV is ideally positioned to be a leading provider of storage solutions for electric vehicles and energy storage applications in India and will also contribute to developing solutions to increase the amount of renewable energy that is used and reduce India's dependence on fossil fuels.

The JV's production plant will be based in Gujarat. Exide Industries, who are committed to setting up large-scale manufacturing of lithium-ion batteries, will be the majority shareholder and Leclanché will be the strategic minority shareholder of the JV. A module and battery pack assembly line is expected to be operational by Q2 2019 and a lithium-ion cell production plant is expected to be in operation by mid 2020. In the intervening period, cells will be sourced from Leclanché's plant in Willstätt, Germany.

The JV will focus on e-transport, stationary energy storage systems and speciality storage markets. In e-transport, the target segment is fleet vehicles including e-buses, e-wheelers and e-rickshaws.

**Gautam Chatterjee, CEO of Exide Industries, said:** "Leclanché SA is the perfect partner for us in India. The Company brings superior technology, modules and battery management systems, as well as immediate access to engineering resources to build market-ready products.

This ideally compliments our leading position in the lead acid storage battery market in India and will allow us to take the lead in the lithium-ion battery industry, which is expected to grow significantly in the next few years.

Efforts to develop alternate state-of-the-art technologies such as lithium-ion batteries and energy storage solutions are an important step in tackling the environmental challenges.”

**Anil Srivastava, CEO of Leclanché, said:** “It is a huge honour that Leclanché has been chosen by Exide Industries, India’s largest battery manufacturer, to partner with them in their quest to help India achieve its zero emissions goals and reduce the country’s dependence on fossil fuel.

Exide’s selection of Leclanché as its partner of choice is a testament to Leclanché’s deep knowhow and IP and a significant endorsement of our world-leading cell and energy storage technologies, which are the product of our strong heritage and a decade of investment in lithium-ion R&D and production.

In a region that is expected to be one of the world’s largest and fastest growing markets for electric vehicles, the JV shall provide Leclanché with giga-scale procurement volumes, which will help reduce costs, and increase recurring annuity revenues, generating recurring stable revenue growth for the Company.

This is an important milestone in our stated growth strategy and further evidence that the opportunity for Leclanché is now. We very much look forward to working with Exide Industries in delivering the best that Leclanché has to offer: superior cell technologies, IP and knowhow that combines high quality German engineering and Swiss precision with deep experience in the design and implementation of battery storage solutions.”

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **Background on the Indian EV market**

(Source: “The case for electric mobility in India” TFE Consulting)

- India is the fifth largest car market in the world with the potential to become one of the top three in the near future.
- Size of the market: 400 million customers in need of mobility solutions by the year 2030.
- Today, only 4 per cent of Indians have access to private motor vehicles compared to 80 per cent in the US.
- By the year 2030, an estimated 600 million vehicles will be on Indian roads – three times the current number.
- An estimated 40% of cars sold in India could be electric in 2030.
- Electric mobility is part of radical new mobility solutions to help reduce the current severe traffic congestions and record breaking pollution levels in major cities including New Delhi and Mumbai.

### **About Exide Industries**

Exide Industries Ltd is India’s largest manufacturer of lead acid storage batteries and power storage solutions provider. Its current market capitalisation is close to Rs 215 billion (USD 3.2 billion)

With seven international standard factories spread across the nation for producing batteries, the company offers one of the widest ranges of batteries for every conceivable application in automotive as well as industrial segments. To complete the entire value chain, the company has two captive lead smelting units and two UPS manufacturing facilities. Exide also has manufacturing facilities in Sri Lanka and does business globally through its subsidiaries and international affiliates.

Exide’s products are sold globally, particularly in developed markets like Australia, Japan and Western Europe, under its own brand names.

Exide's strong brand pull, established in India for about a hundred years, is supplemented by its nationwide dealer network and a very strong R&D center. With the help of its collaborators – Shin Kobe and Furukawa of Japan, East Penn of the US and Moura of Brazil - Exide has consistently remained at the cutting edge of international battery technology and introduced various pioneering products and power storage solutions in the Indian and global markets.

Exide's vast product range, that includes everything in lead acid from the smallest UPS batteries to the giant submarine batteries, find applications in automotive, two-wheelers, inverters, UPS, power, telecom, fork-lift trucks and railways, among others. Exide is also present in the non-conventional energy business where it designs and integrates solar and wind power solutions for use in remote areas of the country.

Exide's customer list includes some of the top most international names in industries as diverse as automotive, earth moving equipment, telecom, material handling and UPS manufacturers.

With an annual total income of Rs 92 billion (\$ 1.35 billion) in FY 2017-18, the company is the largest among the branded lead acid storage battery businesses in India. The company has been consistently profitable and paying dividend every single year since its inception.

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE): stock code 500086

National Stock Exchange (NSE): ticker symbol EXIDEIND

Calcutta Stock Exchange (CSE): stock code 15060 & 10015060

### **About Leclanché**

Headquartered in Switzerland, Leclanché SA is a leading provider of high quality energy storage solutions designed to accelerate our progress towards a clean energy future.

Leclanché's history and heritage is rooted in over 100 years of battery and energy storage innovation and the Company is a trusted provider of energy storage solutions globally. This coupled with the Company's culture of German engineering and Swiss precision and quality, continues to make Leclanché the partner of choice for both disruptors, established companies and governments who are pioneering positive changes in how energy is produced, distributed and consumed around the world.

The energy transition is being driven primarily by changes in the management of our electricity networks and the electrification of transport, and these two end markets form the backbone of our strategy and business model. Leclanché is at the heart of the convergence of the electrification of transport and the changes in the distribution network. Leclanché is the only listed pure play energy storage company in the world, organised along three business units: stationary storage solutions, etransport solutions and specialty batteries systems. Leclanché is listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange (SIX:LECN).

SIX Swiss Exchange: ticker symbol LECN | ISIN CH 011 030 311 9

### **Disclaimer**

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You should not place undue reliance on these statements. Such forward-looking statements reflect the current views of Leclanché regarding future events, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such

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