

September 22, 2022

**Mr. Sridhar Gorthi**

1002, June Blossom, Manuel Gonzalves Road,  
Bandra (W),  
Mumbai 400 050

**Sub: Appointment as an Independent Director**

**Dear Mr. Gorthi,**

We are pleased to inform you that the Members of Exide Industries Limited ("the Company") by the way of special resolution at the Annual General Meeting held on September 22, 2022 have appointed you as an Independent Director for a term of Five (5) consecutive years w.e.f July 29, 2022 until July 28, 2027.

We thank you for the confirmation to the Company that you meet the independence criteria as envisaged in section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013. This letter is being issued to comply with the requirements of Schedule IV of the Act pertaining to the Code of Independent Directors.

This letter sets out the broad terms of your appointment as an Independent Director, on the Board of the Company.

In terms of approval of the shareholders, you along with other Non-Executive Directors of the Company shall be entitled to a total remuneration by way of commission of upto 1 % of the net profits of the Company, computed in the manner laid down in Section 198 of the Companies Act, 2013, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lacs only) per annum. The 'Nomination & Remuneration Committee' constituted by the Company will consider the amount of commission to be paid amongst you and other Non-Executive Directors, within the overall limit of Rs. 2,50,00,000/-. Such remuneration shall be in addition to sitting fees payable to you for attending meetings of the Board of Directors or any Committees thereof.

You shall also be entitled to be reimbursed all expenses incurred in connection with the Company's business including expenses for participation in the meetings of the Board and any Committees thereof.

You shall be covered under the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy taken by the Company.

As an Independent Director you are expected to safeguard the interest of the Company, its stakeholders and employees and in particular:

- i. regularly update and refresh your skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
- ii. seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the Company;
- iii. strive to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board Committees of which you are a member;
- iv. participate constructively and actively in the Committees of the Board in which you are the Chairman or member;
- v. strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
- vi. where you have concerns about the running of the Company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that your concerns are recorded in the Minutes of the Board meeting;
- vii. keep yourself well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- viii. not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper Board or Committee of the Board;



- ix. pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure yourself that the same are in the interest of the Company;
- x. disclose any material interest that you may have in any transaction or arrangement that the Company has entered into no later than when the transaction or arrangement comes up at a Board meeting so that the minutes may record your interest appropriately and our records are updated. A general notice that you are interested in any contract with a particular person, firm or company is acceptable.
- xi. ascertain and ensure that the Company has an adequate and functional vigil mechanism and also ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism is not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- xii. report concerns about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's Code of Conduct or ethics policy;
- xiii. act within authority and assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the company, shareholders and the employees;
- xiv. not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

As you are aware the Board of Directors has approved a Code of Conduct which is required to be followed by all Directors and Members of the Senior Management. A copy of such Code is enclosed for your ready reference.

As an Independent Director you shall be held liable only in respect of such acts of omission or commission by the Company which occurred with your knowledge, attributable through Board processes, and with your consent or connivance or where you have not acted diligently with respect of the provisions contained in the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

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We are confident that the Company shall continue to benefit from your expert advice and guidance.

Please confirm your agreement to the above by signing and returning the enclosed duplicate of this Letter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
**For Exide Industries Limited**



**Bharat D Shah**  
**Chairman**

Encl: a/a

**Accepted the terms & conditions**



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**Sridhar Gorthi**  
**DIN: 00035824**