

EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES
Form 8-K
December 18, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

December 18, 2008

Exide Technologies

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-11263

23-0552730

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200,
Alpharetta, Georgia

30004

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(678) 566-9000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 18, 2008, Exide Technologies (the "Company") announced that it has entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") with China-based battery manufacturer, Leoch Battery Corporation ("Leoch"), pursuant to which the Company and Leoch have agreed to create a joint venture to manufacture, sell and distribute automotive battery products and related components in the People's Republic of China. Under the terms of the Memorandum, the Company will hold a majority of the equity interests in the newly formed joint venture. The closing of the joint venture is contingent upon the successful negotiation of definitive agreements and satisfactory completion of a number of customary closing conditions, including obtaining certain government approvals and the approval each company's Board of Directors.

The full text of the press release announcing the Memorandum is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Exide Technologies dated December 18, 2008

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Exide Technologies

December 18, 2008

By: */s/ Phillip A. Damaska*

Name: Phillip A. Damaska

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| 99.1 | Press Release of Exide technologies dated December 18, 2008 |