IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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	: Chapter 11
In re:	:
	: Case No. 13-11482 (KJC)
EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES,	:
	: Hearing Date: TBD
Debtor. ¹	Obj. Due: November 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)
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	INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF KORN INC. FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES
RENDERED AND REIMBU	URSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS EXECUTIVE
SEARCH ADVISORS TO	THE DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD FROM
MAY 20, 2014 THROU	GH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2014

Name of the Applicant: Korn Ferry International, Inc. Authorized to provide professional services to: **Exide Technologies** Date of Retention: September 22, 2014 Nunc Pro Tunc to May 20, 2014 Period for which compensation and reimbursement are sought: May 20, 2014 through and including August 31, 2014 Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$672,000.00 Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$5,876.00 <u>x</u> interim application ___ final application This is a/an: __ monthly application Aggregate Amounts Paid to Date For First Interim Application Period: \$677,876.00

The last four digits of Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 2730. The Debtor's corporate headquarters are located at 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004.

Prior Applications:

Date Filed	Docket	Period	Fees	Expenses	Fees Paid	Expenses
	Number	Covered	Requested	Requested		Paid
10/30/2014	2525	05/20/14 – 06/30/14	\$280,000.00	\$4,554.00	\$280,000.00	\$4,554.00
10/30/2014	2526	07/01/14 – 07/31/14	\$252,000.00	\$1,322.00	\$252,000.00	\$1,322.00
10/30/2014	2527	08/01/14 – 08/31/14	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$140,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$672,000.00	\$5,876.00	\$672,000.00	\$5,876.00

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 20, 2014 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2014

Project Category	Type of Fee	Total Fees
CEO Search	Professional	\$500,000.00
CEO Search	Administrative	\$ 60,000.00
Board of Directors Search	Professional	\$100,000.00
Board of Directors Search	Administrative	\$ 12,000.00
Total		\$672,000.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 20, 2014 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2014

Expense Category	Total Expenses
Consultant Travel	\$5,876.00
Total	\$5,876.00

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Korn Ferry International, Inc.("the <u>Applicant</u>"), executive search advisors for the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>" or "<u>Exide</u>"), submits this first interim application (the "<u>Application</u>") seeking interim allowance and payment of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Local Bankruptcy Rules</u>") for the period from May 20, 2014 through and including August 31, 2014 (the "Application Period"), and represents as follows:

The last four digits of Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 2730. The Debtor's corporate headquarters are located at 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004.

JURISDICTION

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Application under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b). Venue of this case and this Application in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The legal predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, Bankruptcy Rule 2016 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2.
- 3. The Debtor consents to this Court's authority to enter final orders on this matter.

BACKGROUND

- 4. On June 10, 2013 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor commenced a case by filing a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Chapter 11 Case"). The Debtor continues to operate its business and manage its property as debtor and debtor in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108. On June 18, 2013, the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee") in the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102. No trustee has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 5. The factual background regarding the Debtor, including its business operations, capital and debt structure, and the events leading to the filing of the Chapter 11 Case is set forth in the Declaration of Phillip A. Damaska in Support of Chapter 11 Petition and First Day Pleadings [Docket No. 3], which was filed with the Court on the Petition Date and is incorporated herein.

- 6. The Debtor sought approval of this Court to retain Applicant as executive search advisors, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327(a) and 328(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a), by motion filed on August 29, 2014 [Docket No. 2201]. The Applicant's retention was approved by this Court by Order dated September 22, 2014 [Docket No. 2313] (the "Order"). The Order authorized the Applicant to be compensated for services rendered and to be reimbursed for actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses. The Order also provided that the Applicant shall not be required to maintain or provide time records in connection with its applications.
- 7. On July 10, 2013, the Court entered an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a) and 331 Establishing Interim Compensation Procedures [Docket No. 330] (the "Interim Compensation Procedures Order"), which sets forth the procedures for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses for all professionals in this case.
- 8. On January 28, 2014, the Court entered an Order Appointing Fee Examiner and Establishing Related Procedures for Review of Professionals Claims [Docket No. 1283].

RELIEF REQUESTED

9. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Procedures Order, the Applicant seeks interim approval of the full amount of the fees and expenses requested in its fee applications filed for the months of May, June, July and August (the "Monthly Fee Applications").²

The Debtor has been provided with an opportunity to review all amounts requested in the Application and has approved the amounts requested herein.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES RENDERED

Debtor on both its CEO search as well as its Board of Directors search, including (i) meeting with the members of the Debtor's Board of Directors to discuss matters related to these searches, (ii) preparing timelines, consistent with the Debtor's anticipated emergence from Chapter 11, and (iii) participating in multiple conference call with the Debtor and their creditor constituencies to keep them apprised of material developments with these searches.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

- 11. The Applicant has submitted monthly fee statements for the period from May 20, 2014 through and including August 31, 2014, and in accordance with the Interim Compensation Procedures Order, now submits this Application covering the Application Period. The Interim Compensation Procedures Order provides that when seeking interim compensation, professionals must submit monthly fee statements to certain notice parties. Each person receiving a statement has 21 days after its receipt to review. If no objection to a monthly fee statement is made, the Debtor is authorized to pay 80% of the fees requested (with the remaining 20% of the fees requested referred to herein as the "Holdback") and 100% of the charges and disbursements requested.³ The Applicant has submitted monthly fee statements as described above for each of the months covered by the Application Period.
- 12. Bankruptcy Code section 330 authorizes the Court to award "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the . . . professional person" 11 U.S.C. § 330. In order to evaluate a request for allowance of fees by a professional

The payments to date by the Debtor represent full payment of the CEO Search retainer and partial payment for the Board of Directors Search retainer. Consistent with the terms of the Engagement Letter, further requests for fees will be made upon completion of the searches and paid in a manner consistent with the Interim Compensation Procedures.

person, a court must determine whether the services rendered were actual and necessary and the fees requested are reasonable. The Applicant respectfully submits that its request for an interim award of compensation for the Application Period satisfies that standard.

13. In accordance with the factors enumerated in 11 U.S.C. § 330, the amount requested herein by the Applicant is fair and reasonable in light of (a) the nature and complexity of the Chapter 11 Case, (b) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (c) the time expended, (d) the value of the Applicant's services, and (e) the cost of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

NOTICE

14. In compliance with the Interim Compensation Procedures Order, this Application will be served on the following parties: (i) the Debtor, Exide Technologies, 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004, Attn: Phillip A. Damaska; (ii) counsel to the agent under the debtor in possession financing, Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Damian S. Schaible, Esq.; Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., One Rodney Square, 920 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Mark D. Collins, Esq.; (iii) counsel to the agent for the Debtor's prepetition secured lenders, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 3333 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 2500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, Attn: David B. Kurzweil, Esq.; 1007 N. Orange St., Suite 1200, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Dennis A. Meloro, Esq.; (iv) the indenture trustee for the Debtor's secured bond issuances, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 150 East 42nd Street, 40th Floor, New York, New York 10017, Attn: James R. Lewis; Foley & Lardner LLP, 321 North Clark Street, Suite 2800, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Mark F. Hebbeln, Esq.; (v) the indenture trustee for the Debtor's unsecured bond issuances, U.S. Bank Corporate Trust Services, Global Corporate Trust Services, 60 Livingston

Ave., EP-MN-WSID, St. Paul, Minnesota 55107, Attn: Cindy Woodward; (vi) counsel to the unofficial committee of senior secured noteholders, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, Attn: Alice Belisle Eaton, Esq.; Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Pauline K. Morgan, Esq.; (vii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, Office of the United States Trustee, Room 2207, Lockbox 35,844 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Mark Kenney, Esq.; (viii) counsel to the Creditors' Committee Lowenstein Sandler LLP, 65 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey 07068, Attn: Sharon L. Levine, Esq. and Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 N Market Street, Suite 1600, Wilmington Delaware 19801, Attn: Robert J. Dehney, Esq.; and (ix) the fee examiner, Robert J. Keach, Esq., Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A., 100 Middle Street, P.O. Box 9729, Portland, Maine 04104-5029.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND WAIVER

15. The undersigned representative of the Applicant certifies that he has reviewed the requirements of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2 and that the Application substantially complies with that Local Bankruptcy Rule. To the extent that the Application does not comply in all respects with the requirements of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2, the Applicant believes that such deviations are not material and respectfully requests that any such requirement be waived.

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WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Court (a) enter an

order allowing interim compensation of \$672,000.00 to the Applicant for professional services

rendered as executive search advisors to the Debtor during the Application Period, plus

reimbursement of actual and necessary charges and disbursements incurred in the amount of

\$5,876.00, (b) direct the Debtor to pay, to the extent not previously paid, all amounts due under

the Monthly Fee Applications pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, and (c) grant it such

other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware

October 30, 2014

/s/ Jane Edison Stevenson

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Vice Chairman of Board & CEO Services,

Korn/Ferry International

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "<u>Debtor</u>") filed today the attached First Interim Fee Application Of Korn Ferry International, Inc. For Compensation For Services Rendered And Reimbursement Of Expenses As Executive Search Advisors To The Debtor For The Period From May 20, 2014 Through And Including August 31, 2014 (the "<u>Interim Application</u>").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Interim Application or the relief requested therein must be made in writing, filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court"), 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, and served so as to be received by the following parties no later than November 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern):

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- (i) the Debtor, Exide Technologies, 13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200, Milton, Georgia 30004, Attn: Phillip A. Damaska (fax: 678-566-9188);
- (ii) counsel to the Debtor, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, New York 10036, Attn: Kenneth S. Ziman, Esq. (ken.ziman@skadden.com) and J. Eric Ivester, Esq. (eric.ivester@skadden.com) and One Rodney Square, P.O. Box 636, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-0636, Attn: Anthony W. Clark, Esq. (anthony.clark@skadden.com) and 155 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606-1720, Attn: James J. Mazza, Jr. (james.mazza@skadden.com);
- (iii) counsel to the agent under the debtor in possession financing, Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Damian S. Schaible, Esq. (damian.schaible@davispolk.com) and Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., One Rodney Square, 920 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Mark D. Collins, Esq. (collins@rlf.com);
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Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020, Attn: Gerald C. Bender, Esq. (gbender@lowenstein.com) and Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 North Market Street, Suite 1600, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Robert J. Dehney, Esq. (rdehney@mnat.com); and

(x) the fee examiner, Robert J. Keach, Esq., Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A., 100 Middle Street, P.O. Box 9729, Portland, Maine 04104-5029 (rkeach@bernsteinshur.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if an objection is properly filed and served in accordance with the above procedures, a hearing on the Interim Application will be held at a time and date to be determined before the Honorable Kevin J. Carey, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 5th Floor, Courtroom 5, 824 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 ("Hearing"). Only objections made in writing and timely filed and received will be considered by the Court at such Hearing.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF NO OBJECTIONS TO
THE INTERIM APPLICATION ARE TIMELY FILED AND RECEIVED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN
THE INTERIM APPLICATION MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE
OR HEARING.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware October 30, 2014

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