

EXIDE ELECTRONICS LAUNCHES EUROPEAN OPERATIONS FOR CABLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS POWER PROTECTION SYSTEMS

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Exide Electronics officially announced today the opening of a European office to address the growing power protection requirements of Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). Kevin O'Hare, a ten-year veteran of the European communications industry, will manage all EMEA sales and marketing activities from London and work closely with an extensive network of distributors for service and support.

Exide Electronics Group, represented by its subsidiary companies MPL Powerware Systems Ltd in the UK and FPS Power Systems AB within the EMEA territory, markets their power protection equipment primarily under the Lectro, LorTec and Powerware brand names. The Lectro ZTT/Plus, a power protection system that helps protect cable and broadband networks from utility outages and anomalies, will be sold and distributed in mainland Europe. The LorTec and Powerware telecom rectifiers will be marketed in the Middle East and Africa.

"Exide Electronics has a long history of manufacturing exceptional power protection products, and we are dedicated to providing the highest level of reliability and support possible," said Kevin O'Hare, sales manager, communications products for the Europe/Middle East/Africa region. "Exide Electronics' engineering legacy offers cable and telecommunications providers a superior power protection choice."

"The U.K. cable industry is building one of the most advanced broadband communications systems in the world. A

leading-edge infrastructure requires leading-edge power protection," said Rick Marcotte, director of sales and marketing for Exide Electronics' Communications Systems Group. "Exide Electronics is committed to providing world class power protection products to the entire European community."

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Notes to editors

About MPL Powerware Systems Ltd MPL Powerware Systems Ltd is the UK division of Exide Electronics Inc. Headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, Exide Electronics provides Strategic Power Management solutions to a broad range of businesses and institutions worldwide. Exide Electronics' products are used for networking, financial, medical, industrial, telecommunications, military and aerospace applications - wherever continuous power is essential to daily operations.

About Exide Electronics' Communications Systems Group The Communications Systems Group, a division of Exide Electronics Group, Inc., designs, manufactures, delivers and supports power protection products for the CATV and telecommunications markets. The division combines the resources of two recently acquired companies, Lectro Products, Inc. and LorTec Power Systems, along with the portfolio of telecommunications products from Exide Electronics. Exide Electronics' Communications Systems Group offers a full range of power protection solutions for all types of CATV networks. For more information, call +44 1753 686 200, email Lectro@exide.co.uk or visit the Exide Electronics Web site at <http://www.exide.com>.

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