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March 17, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. 4)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*
Exide Technologies

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

302051206

(CUSIP Number)

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March 15, 2005

(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of ss.ss. 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box [X].

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disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)	
	Soros Fund Management LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)	(a) ☐ (b) ☒
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)	
	AF	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)	☐
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware	
	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,810,152
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,810,152
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	1,810,152	

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12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 7.3%
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) OO, IA

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only) George Soros (in the capacity described herein)	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)	(a) [] (b) [X]
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions) AF	
5	CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)	[]
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 1,810,152
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,810,152
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

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14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)
	IA

This Amendment No. 4 supplementally amends the statement on Schedule 13D previously filed on December 22, 2004 (as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto previously filed on January 11, 2005, Amendment No. 2 thereto previously filed on February 28, 2005 and Amendment No. 3 thereto previously filed on March 4, 2005, the "Schedule 13D," and collectively with this Amendment No. 4, the "Statement"). The Statement relates to the Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Shares") and the Convertible Notes (as defined below) of Exide Technologies, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The Statement is being filed on behalf of (1) Soros Fund Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SFM LLC"), and (2) George Soros, a United States citizen. SFM LLC and Mr. Soros are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "Reporting Persons." Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons filed a statement on Schedule 13G on November 26, 2004 to report the acquisition of Shares which are the subject of the Statement, as a result of which the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the outstanding Shares, and filed the original Schedule 13D because, in connection with their ongoing evaluation of the investment in the Issuer and their options with respect to such investment, they decided to seek to meet with the board of directors and/or members of senior management of the Issuer to indicate their views on issues relating to the strategic direction undertaken by the Issuer and other matters of interest to stockholders generally.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Statement is hereby amended by adding the following as the seventh paragraph of such Item:

On March 15, 2005, SFM LLC, for the account of Quantum Partners, agreed to purchase \$5 million in Floating Rate Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes, due 2013 (the "Convertible Notes"), from the Issuer on March 18, 2005. These Convertible Notes purchased for the account of Quantum Partners can be converted into Shares at a price of \$17.37 per share for an aggregate of 287,852 Shares. On March 15, 2005, SFM LLC, for the account of Quantum Partners, also agreed to purchase \$15 million in 10 1/2% senior notes, due 2013 and secured by a junior lien on assets of the Issuer, from the Issuer on March 18, 2005. These notes were offered and will be sold by the Issuer pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The notes are being acquired for investment purposes. The purchases were made in the ordinary course of business, and, consistent with the investment purpose, the Reporting Persons may make, or cause, further acquisitions of such notes from time to time and may dispose of,

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or cause to be disposed, any or all of the notes held by it at any time.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Statement is hereby amended and restated by deleting the entirety of the text thereof and replacing it with the following:

(a) Each of SFM LLC and Mr. Soros may be deemed the beneficial owner for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the 1,810,152 Shares held for the account of Quantum Partners. This number consists of (i) 1,522,300 Shares and (ii) 287,852 Shares issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes. Such shares represent approximately 7.3% of the issued and outstanding Shares.

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(b) (i) SFM LLC may be deemed to have the sole power to direct the voting and disposition of the 1,810,152 Shares held for the account of Quantum Partners. This number consists of (A) 1,522,300 Shares and (B) 287,852 Shares issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

(ii) Mr. Soros, by virtue of his position with SFM LLC, may be deemed to have the sole power to direct the voting and disposition of the 1,810,152 Shares held for the account of Quantum Partners.

(c) On March 15, 2005, SFM LLC, for the account of Quantum Partners, agreed to purchase \$5 million in Convertible Notes, due 2013, from the Issuer on March 18, 2005. These Convertible Notes purchased for the account of Quantum Partners can be converted into Shares at a price of \$17.37 per share for an aggregate of 287,852 Shares. These Convertible Notes were offered and will be sold by the Issuer pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(d) The shareholders of Quantum Partners are entitled to receive, or have the power to direct, the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds of sales of the Shares held for the account of Quantum Partners, in accordance with their ownership interests in Quantum Partners.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 of the Statement is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph thereto:

On March 15, 2005, SFM LLC, for the account of Quantum Partners, agreed to purchase \$5 million in Convertible Notes, due 2013, from the Issuer on March 18, 2005. On March 15, 2005, SFM LLC, for the account of Quantum Partners, agreed to purchase \$15 million in 10 1/2% senior notes, due 2013 and secured by a junior lien on assets of the Issuer, from the Issuer on March 18, 2005. These notes were offered and will be sold by the Issuer pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A: Joint Filing Agreement by and among the Reporting Persons (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons on December 22, 2004).

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Exhibit B: Power of Attorney, dated as of March 11, 2005, granted by Mr. George Soros in favor of Armando T. Belly, Jodye Anzalotta, Maryann Canfield, Ridhard D. Holahan, Jr. and Robert Soros.

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Exhibit D: Letter dated January 11, 2005 from SFM LLC to the Issuer (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 13D/A filed by the Reporting Persons on January 11, 2005).

Exhibit E: Letter dated February 28, 2005 from SFM LLC to the Issuer (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 13D/A-2 filed by the Reporting Persons on February 28, 2005).

Exhibit F: Confidentiality Agreement executed on February 24, 2005 between SFM LLC and the Issuer. (incorporated by reference to the Schedule 13D/A-2 filed by the Reporting Persons on February 28, 2005).

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. March 17, 2005.

SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Name: Richard D. Holahan, Jr.
Title: Assistant General Counsel

GEORGE SOROS

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Name: Richard D. Holahan, Jr.
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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