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Leclanché’s Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meeting approves all agenda items with a large majority

- **Creation of a conditional capital for the issuance of shareholder options in the maximum amount of CHF 6’471’700**
- **Ordinary increase of the share capital by a maximum nominal amount of CHF 3’750’000 through the issue of a maximum of 750’000 new registered shares**
- **Shareholders’ approval opens the way to the intended capital increase**

Yverdon-les-Bains, 8 November 2011 - Leclanché SA (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), specialized in the production of large-format lithium-ion cells and energy storage solutions, today announces shareholders approved all agenda points with a large majority at its Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meeting held today in Yverdon-les-Bains. Shareholders decided in particular to adopt the suggested creation of a conditional capital for the issuance of shareholder options in the maximum amount of CHF 6’471’700 as well as an ordinary increase of the share capital by a maximum nominal amount of CHF 3’750’000 through the issue of a maximum of 750’000 new registered shares.

This approval opens the way to a planned capital increase to finance the final phase of commissioning the new mass production line for large format lithium-ion cells, its adaptation to larger lithium-ion cells

type 17.300, as well as other costs related to its ramp-up, and to increase the company's working capital in connection with the expansion of its production capacity and for general corporate purposes

"Today's approval was important as it will allow Leclanché to pursue its strategic development plans and take advantage of upcoming market opportunities," said Rolf Eckrodt, Chairman of the Board of Directors. *"We will now consider the implementation of the planned capital increase to notably allow Leclanché to enter the growing market of energy storage at industrial scale with a "container" solution."*

About Leclanché

Leclanché specializes in the production of tailor-made energy storage solutions and is a leading manufacturer of large-format lithium-ion cells in Europe. Through a unique, patented ceramic separator technology for increased thermal safety, the core element of lithium-ion cells, Leclanché is capable of manufacturing cells with above-average safety features and a significantly increased life in an automated production process. The Company's core markets are industries that have the highest demands on energy storage systems. They include energy storage solutions, which allow better utilization of the power supply system, large hybrid diesel engines and electric vehicles.

Leclanché currently operates a fully automated pilot production line for large format lithium-ion cells with a theoretical annual maximum capacity of up to 4 MWh. To prepare for an increase in demand, Leclanché is currently in the process of expanding its production capacity by setting up a new production line for large format lithium-ion cells with a theoretical annual maximum capacity of up to 76 MWh.

Leclanché was founded in 1909 in Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland. Through the integration of a spin-off from the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in 2006, the Company developed from being a traditional battery manufacturer to becoming a leading developer and manufacturer of lithium-ion cells in Europe. Leclanché currently employs 110 staff and recorded revenues of CHF 15.05 million in 2010. The Company has its headquarters in Yverdon-les-Bains and has production facilities in Willstätt, Germany. Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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