

PRESS RELEASE

Fire accident in part of Leclanché factory in Germany on 7th of April early morning

- **No personnel injury**
- **Leclanché has contingency plans in place to meet its customer delivery commitments**

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Leclanché GmbH in Willstätt suffered a fire accident in a section of the factory on Thursday the 7th of April around 6:00 am. The local fire fighting brigades have extinguished the fire. Measurements of the fire fighting brigades have shown no health risks for the people in the vicinity of the factory.

Two employees who have inhaled fumes were sent to hospital for precautionary checks. They have been released safe a couple of hours later. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The production in Willstätt has been stopped today. Leclanché has activated the contingency plans in place and is confident to meet all its delivery commitments to customers.

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multiple chemistries through production for different cell characteristics. In addition, Leclanché offers a number of specialized battery systems through its Portable Business Unit, such as customer-specific energy storage systems for defense and medical applications. Leclanché also distributes primary and secondary batteries and accessories of other producers.

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