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## Press Release

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### **Leclanché successfully completes capital increase, raising CHF 10.2m**

**Yverdon-les-Bains, 16 October 2009** – Leclanché S.A. today successfully completed the issuance of 42,350 new registered shares, which have been placed at an offer price of CHF 240 per share. The resulting gross proceeds for Leclanché S.A. amount to CHF 10,164,000. The issue attracted significant interest from international institutional investors as well as from private investors. The share offering was more than three times covered.

"We are very pleased with the strong demand from our existing and new shareholders, which demonstrates a clear commitment to the company's strategy," said Stefan A. Mueller, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The proceeds from the capital increase will be used to further execute the growth strategy of Leclanché S.A. The company plans in particular to increase the production capacities for large lithium ion batteries and to target future markets for this technology such as large diesel-hybrid applications, grid applications and automotive applications.

As previously announced, the largest shareholder of Leclanché S.A., EnergyGroup Holding AG, did not exercise its preemptive rights. The free float has therefore increased from 26.7 percent prior to the offering to 41.3 percent, further broadening the shareholder base. Settlement and listing of the new registered shares is expected to occur on 23 October 2009.

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**About Leclanché**

Leclanché is a leading manufacturer in Europe of large-size lithium ion batteries. Through a unique, licensed separator technology, the core element of lithium ion batteries, Leclanché is capable of manufacturing cells with above-average safety features in an automated production process. The company's core markets are industries that make the highest demands on energy storage systems, e.g. the aerospace industry, the defence sector and medical technology. Leclanché is consistently developing its business towards future markets for lithium ion batteries. They include electric vehicles, large hybrid diesel engines and energy storage systems that enable better utilisation of the power supply system.

Leclanché was founded in 1909 in Yverdon-les-Bains. 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 batteries in Europe.

Leclanché currently employs 70 staff and recorded CHF 13m revenue in 2008. The company is headquartered in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and has factories located in Willstätt und Itzehohe (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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