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## Press Release

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A copy of the Prospectus can be obtained in Switzerland free of charge at the offices of Zürcher Kantonalbank, CH-8010 Zurich (telephone: +41 (0) 44 293 67 64, facsimile: +41 (0) 44 293 67 32 or email: [prospectus@zkb.ch](mailto:prospectus@zkb.ch)).

### Leclanché to carry out capital increase

- Offer price set at CHF 240 per share
- Proceeds to go towards expansion of production capacities, targeting key growth markets
- Subscription period to start on 30 September 2009

**Yverdon-les-Bains, 28 September 2009** - The Board of Directors of Leclanché SA resolved to increase the share capital from CHF 8,470,000 by a maximum amount of CHF 2,117,500 to CHF 10,587,500 by issuing up to 42,350 new registered shares, each with a nominal value of CHF 50, from authorized capital. The offer price for the new shares has been set at CHF 240 per share. The subscription ratio is 4:1, meaning that for every four existing shares, shareholders are entitled to subscribe to one new share.

"The proceeds will be used to further develop our production capacities and to implement our growth strategy," said Stefan A. Mueller, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We are particularly targeting future markets for lithium ion batteries such as large diesel-hybrid applications, grid applications and automotive applications."

Shareholders can exercise their rights between September 30 and October 14, 2009, 12.00 CEST. Subscription rights trading will take place from September 30 up to and including October 13, 2009.

The maximum number of offered shares represents 25 percent of the total issued share capital of Leclanché prior to the offering. EnergyGroup Holding AG, the largest shareholder of Leclanché holding 64.3 percent – intends not to exercise its rights. The free float could therefore rise to a level of up to 48.5 percent after the capital increase. Leclanché SA has agreed not to issue, offer or sell any shares for a period ending 90 calendar days after the first trading day of the new shares. Zürcher Kantonalbank has been mandated as Lead Manager.

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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 13 million revenue in 2008. The company is headquartered in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and has factories located in Willstätt und Itzehöhe (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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