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Dr. Raoul Sautebin steps down following successful restructuring

Yverdon-les-Bains, 25 September 2009 – After the completion of Leclanché SA's restructuring phase, Dr. Raoul Sautebin will leave his post as the company's Chief Executive Officer after seven years in this position. For the time being, his scope of responsibilities will be assumed by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Sautebin took over the management of Leclanché SA in June 2002 and was responsible for the successful transition from a traditional battery manufacturer into a leading developer of energy storage systems.

Stefan A. Müller, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said: "We thank Raoul Sautebin for the valuable work he has done for Leclanché. He made a significant contribution in making Leclanché a forward-looking company with excellent prospects."

Raoul Sautebin will also leave the Board of Directors which he has been a member of since 2002.

In addition, Mrs. Karima Douh, former head of Leclanché's business unit Distribution has left the company. Her function will be assumed by Mr. Daniel Evard. Mr. Evard is a chemical engineer, who has been with Leclanché SA in various responsible functions since 1973.

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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 Itzehohe (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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