
Press Release

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Yverdon-les-Bains, 08. September 2009

Half Year Figures 2009

Leclanché continues to focus on lithium ion batteries

- **Major order from Swiss army secured**
- **Rights issue planned for expansion of higher capacity large-size lithium ion cells production – production capacity to rise to up to 1 million cells annually in the first half of 2011**
- **Order backlog of CHF 8.16 million expected to be realised until the end of the year**

Yverdon-les-Bains, 08. September 2009 – In the first half year of 2009 Leclanché successfully continued to re-focus on future business with large-size lithium ion batteries. The company secured a substantial number of large-scale projects, including for the Swiss army, and as of 30th June 2009 had an order backlog of CHF 8.16 million expected to be realised as revenues until the end of the current year.

In the first half year of 2009 Leclanché achieved consolidated sales of CHF 6.20 million. Together with the existing order backlog, this already matches the total sales for 2008. The company made a loss of CHF 3.36 million on EBIT basis, most of which was due to the high degree of investment necessary for strategic re-focussing on large-size lithium ion cells. The amount of investment on machines during the first half year was CHF 1.22 million, most of which went into setting up a fully automated

production plant for large-size lithium ion cells. The plant is expected to become fully operational in October 2009. The plant's initial capacity of 100,000 cells per year is expected to be increased to 200,000 cells per year throughout 2010.

In order to meet the steadily growing demand for large-size lithium ion batteries, Leclanché plans to commission additional production machinery with a capacity of 600,000 to 800,000 cells a year. The new production machinery is currently expected to be installed in the first half of 2011.

In order to forge ahead with the further development of production capacities and the initiated growth strategy, the company plans a rights issue in the second half of 2009. The new shares will be offered to Leclanché S.A. shareholders for subscription. Further details will be given when the rights offering is announced.

Leclanché S.A. consolidated figures for the 1st half year 2009

in million CHF [IFRS]	2009 1st Half Year	2008 1st Half Year [restated*]
Revenue	6,20	6,45
EBITDA	-2,70	2,51
EBIT	-3,36	1,93
Equity Capital	22,02	28,75
<i>As percentage of total assets</i>	79,9	76,3
Employees	70	67

* In 2008 the Group has adopted IFRIC14, 'IAS 19: - The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction'. Following the introduction of IFRIC 14, the Group has elected to recognise actuarial gains and losses directly in equity, as permitted by IAS 19 'Employees Benefits' and applied this reporting form for the first time at 31 December 2008. Consequently values as of 30 June 2008 have been restated.

Order Backlog

As of 30th June 2009 Leclanché had an order backlog of CHF 8.16 million, the majority of which derived from business with lithium ion batteries.

Due to the fully automated and scaleable production line for lithium ion cells the company expects to benefit from the growing demand for this technology of the future. The specialisation in high performance batteries is opening up fresh opportunities for Leclanché, in particular in the emergence of hybrid vehicles and in the storage of energy from renewable sources.

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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 electrical vehicles, 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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