

Press release

Leclanché strengthens management team

- Dr. Ulrich Ehmes has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by the Board of Directors
- Board of Directors delegates one of its members, Stefan A. Müller, as CFO

Yverdon-les-Bains, 23rd of September 2010 – The Board of Directors of Leclanché SA has appointed Dr. Ulrich Ehmes (47) as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Since 1st March 2010, Dr. Ehmes has held the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) and has been responsible for the entire production, as well as the supply chain of Leclanché. In this role, he successfully brought forward the construction of the manufacturing facility for lithium-ion cells. With effect of the 1st October, he will dedicate himself as CEO primarily to the utilisation of the company's innovation potential and its strategic development, and hence assume overall responsibility for the expansion of Leclanché.

Rolf Eckrodt, Chairman of the Board of Leclanché, said: "Dr. Ehmes made a decisive contribution to the successful startup of one of the first fully automated production lines for lithium-ion cells in the world, located in Willstätt, Germany. We are sure that, given his international experience and technical expertise, he will successfully implement the company's planned strong expansion. The Board of Directors will continue to work closely with the management team in the future."

Dr. Ehmes has extensive experience with demanding manufacturing processes. He holds a doctorate degree in Engineering. In his most recent position, he was responsible for the global production of a division of Groz-Beckert, the world market leader in tools for the textile industry. Previously and for a period of 14 years, Dr.

Ehmes held various management positions within the camera manufacturer Leica, most recently as managing director of the main plant.

Dr. Ehmes says: "I am very pleased to be taking on my new tasks at Leclanché, a company with a long-standing tradition. With our innovative technology, which we have developed to marketability under the direction of my colleague Pierre Blanc as Chief Technology Officer, our company has enormous growth potential that should be leveraged immediately.

The Board of Directors also delegated one of its members, Stefan A. Müller (56), as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This decision will take effect on 1st November 2010. He will replace Dario Bello, who has decided to leave the company of his own accord to pursue new opportunities.

Since 1987, Mr. Stefan A. Müller has held several management roles as chief executive officer and as board member in various financial and industrial corporations. Since 2004 and until very recently, he has been CEO of Fortis Lease Switzerland Ltd – BNP Paribas Lease Group. He was also member of the Board of Directors of Fortis Lease Suisse SA and Fortis Lease Immobilier Suisse SA. From 2005 until March 2010, Mr. Müller was Chairman of the Board of Leclanché SA.

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About Leclanché

Leclanché is a leading manufacturer in Europe of large format lithium ion cells. Through a unique, licensed separator technology, the core element of lithium ion cells, 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 cells. 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 cells in Europe. Leclanché currently employs 94 staff and recorded CHF 16.33 million revenue in 2009. The company is headquartered in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and has a factory located in Willstätt (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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