

Press Release

Leclanché has returned to growth – Former Daimler Manager Rolf Eckrodt to be elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors

- **Annual revenues rose considerably to CHF 16.33 million**
- **Continued investments into the production expansion of large format lithium ion cells**
- **Rolf Eckrodt to be elected as member of the Board of Directors at the general assembly on March 19, 2010**

Yverdon-les-Bains, February 18, 2010 – Leclanché has returned to the growth path in 2009. A substantial number of large-scale projects were secured in 2009, including one for the defense industry. Total consolidated revenues increased considerably amounting to CHF 16.33 million, after CHF 13.12 million in 2008. The company is firmly set on its way to expanding business with large format lithium ion cells.

In 2009, the company made a loss of CHF -6.59 million, mainly due to its strategy of focusing on the production of lithium ion cells. Investments into the production capacity in Willstätt amounted to CHF 1.91 million. Leclanché's strategic focusing also included a significant expansion of staff. A number of qualified employees and engineers were recruited to support the production ramp-up in Willstätt and drive the development of the lithium ion technology.

Leclanché S.A. Consolidated Figures for the Year 2009

in million CHF [IFRS]	2009	2008
Revenue	16.33	13.12
EBIT	-7.58	1.40
EBITDA	-6.12	2.59
Profit / Loss	-6.59	1.98
Equity Capital	28.87	23.81
<i>As percentage of total assets</i>	86.4	80.4
Employees	84	72

Order Backlog

As of the end of 2009, Leclanché had an order backlog of CHF 9.62 million, of which CHF 6.46 million was derived from the BU Integration and CHF 3.16 million from business with lithium ion cells. A major tranche of order backlogs for 2010 is constituted by an order from the defense industry which amounts to CHF 4.27 million.

Rolf Eckrodt to be elected as new Chairman of the Board of Directors

Leclanché is delighted to announce that Rolf Eckrodt is to be elected as member of the Board of Directors during the General Assembly on March 19, 2010. The current members of the Board of Directors intend to nominate Mr. Eckrodt, when elected to the Board by the General Assembly, as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Eckrodt has almost 40 years of experience within the transport and automotive industry. He has formerly held positions as President and CEO of Mitsubishi Motors Corporation in Japan and CEO of Adtranz – DaimlerChrysler Rail Systems GmbH. In addition he acted as President of Mercedes Benz do Brasil, S.A.. With his unmatched expertise as well as excellent contacts, Mr. Eckrodt will make a significant contribution to

Leclanché's business strategy towards future markets for lithium ion cells, which include electrical vehicles, large hybrid diesel engines and energy storage systems. As current Chairman of the Board Stefan A. Müller states: "I am certain that Mr. Eckrodt's experience will be an extremely important asset to Leclanché. His decision to join the Board of Directors marks the end of our transition period and the starting point of our future expansion."

Mr. Eckrodt states: "I am excited about this new role and have strong confidence in the striking opportunities within future markets for lithium ion cells. I strongly believe that Leclanché will play an important role in these markets."

The General Assembly will also decide on a proposed increase of Leclanché's authorized capital to CHF 5,293,750 in order to further increase Leclanché's financial flexibility. The company is also proposing a share split at a ratio of 1:10, which is designed to further improve trading liquidity of the shares. Shareholders will vote on these, the election of Mr. Eckrodt and other proposals at the General Assembly on March 19, 2010.

Outlook

Leclanché looks into the future with great confidence. Due to the fully automated and scalable production line for lithium ion cells, the company expects to benefit from the growing demand for this technology of the future. The specialization in high performance cells is opening up fresh opportunities for Leclanché, in particular in the emergence of hybrid vehicles and in the storage of energy from renewable sources. In order to meet the steadily growing demand for large-size lithium ion cells, 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.

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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 defense 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 84 staff and recorded CHF 16.33 million revenue in 2009. 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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