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Leclanché raises CHF 31.3 million with capital increase

- 1,118,350 new registered shares issued
- Free float increased to ca. 60 percent
- Expansion strategy on track

Yverdon-les-Bains, December 22, 2010 – The battery specialist Leclanché is receiving gross proceeds amounting to CHF 31.3 million from the capital increase. The subscription period for the rights offering has expired yesterday at 12.00 (CET). In total, pre-emptive rights corresponding to 1,111,250 new registered shares have been exercised. Together with additional shares that have been subscribed for in the share offering, the company will issue a total of 1,118,350 new registered shares at a price of CHF 28 per share. The free float was increased from ca. 40 percent to ca. 60 percent.

“The successful conclusion of the capital increase allows us to finance our expansion strategy. It was our plan to raise CHF 25 million with the capital increase. That we

have now raised CHF 31.3 million is a great success. As planned, we will now increase our production capacity to over one million cells per year in 2012“, says Dr. Ulrich Ehmes, Chief Executive Officer of Leclanché S.A.

Delivery of the new shares against payment of the subscription price is expected to occur on December 24, 2010. Trading in the new shares and existing shares according to the Main Standard of the SIX Swiss Exchange is expected to start on December 27, 2010.

Credit Suisse AG has been mandated as lead manager for the offering. Zürcher Kantonalbank is acting as a co-manager and Ambrian Partners Limited is acting as a selling agent.

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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 and significantly increased longevity in an automated production process. The company's core markets are industries, which have highest demands on energy storage systems. They include energy storage solutions, which enable better utilisation of the power supply system, large hybrid diesel engines and electric vehicles. 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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