

## Press Release

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### **Leclanché SA nominates Antoine Spillmann for election to its Board of Directors**

**Yverdon-les-Bains, 14 February 2011-** Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange : LECN), specialized in lithium ion cells production, announced today the nomination of Antoine Spillmann, Executive Partner at Bruellan SA, for election to its Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting on 7 April 2011. In addition, the company confirms that Christian Perrudet, recently appointed Chief Financial Officer, will start on March 1, 2011.

Rolf Eckrodt, Chairman of the Board of Directors commented: *«During his career, Antoine Spillmann has gained in-depth financial and management experience working with leading investment banks. He brings with him also a highly regarded strategic expertise from his various activities on supervisory boards. As Leclanché is about to start a major expansion program, I am very pleased that Antoine Spillmann has agreed to stand for election to our Board and will, therefore, share his wealth of expertise and know-how with the company.»*

#### **Biography of Antoine Spillmann**

Starting his career in London in 1986, Antoine Spillmann has worked at investment banks such as ABN AMRO, Lehman Brothers, SG Warburg and UBS Philips & Drew. In 1996 he founded Bryan Garnier & Co in London and Geneva. Since 2001 he is an executive partner at the firm BRUELLAN Wealth Management, an independent asset management company based in Geneva regulated by the FINMA.

Mr. Spillmann serves on boards of Arcelor-Mittal, the world's largest steel company, BondPartners, a Swiss quoted financial company based in Lausanne and Obrist AG, a Swiss family company based in Basel, leader in the manufacturing of aluminum tubes. .

Mr Spillmann, 47, was also a vice president of the Swiss Association of asset managers. He studied in Switzerland and London, including at the London Business School.

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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 production and development facilities located in Willstätt (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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