

Press Release

**Leclanché strengthens its management team
and appoints a new CFO**

Yverdon-les-Bains, 24 January 2011- Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange : LECN), specialized in high capacity lithium ion cells production, announced today the appointment of Christian Perrudet as Chief Financial Officer. He will join Leclanché at the latest on May 1st, 2011, after having held similar positions in well established companies. He will replace Stefan A. Müller, Board member, who had been delegated by the Board of Directors to fulfill this position as of November 1st, 2010 and who will remain as non executive Board member. Leclanché also significantly strengthened its operational capacity by hiring Mr. Jörg Illing as head of production at its Willstätt production unit in Germany. He will start on April 1, 2011.

“Following the success of our recent capital increase, which will allow Leclanché to increase its production capacity to 1 million units of lithium ion cells per year, the appointments of Messrs Perrudet and Illing strengthens significantly our management team. I am convinced that their professional skills will greatly contribute to the future growth of Leclanché,” stated Ulrich Ehmes, Chief Executive Officer of Leclanché SA. *“I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Stefan A. Müller who successfully contributed to the implementation of our capital increase of CHF 31.3 million, which will allow us to implement, as planned, our growth strategy.”*

Christian Perrudet has gained a diversified professional expertise with well known companies such as Swatch Group or Orange Communication SA, as well as with smaller firms. In his various positions, he was Finance and Administration Director, Group Controlling Director or Finance and IT manager.

With a degree in Engineering, M. Jörg Illing benefits from an extensive and well recognized professional experience in the field of operations, particularly in automation, quality control and logistics, acquired with companies such as Bosch Group and more recently with Endress + Hauser AG as Operations Director.

At Leclanché, Mr. Illing will be in charge of increasing Leclanché's existing production capacity and notably, the implementation of a large-scale production unit of lithium ion cells in Willstätt.

High capacity lithium ion cells produced by Leclanché differentiate themselves by using, amongst others, a patented ceramic separator, allowing increased security and offering a high level of flexibility to adapt the electric characteristics to the needs of a broad number of applications. The expansion of Leclanché's existing, fully automated, production capacity will allow the company to respond with flexibility to the increased demand of its clients.

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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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