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**Leclanché appoints new CFO on an interim basis**

**Yverdon-les-Bains, 27 December 2011** - Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange : LECN), specialized in the production of large-format lithium ion cells and energy storage solutions, today announced the appointment of Robert Feij as Chief Financial Officer on an interim basis effective February 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, following the resignation of Christian Perrudet, who will be leaving the company at his own request to pursue other interests. With his experience as CFO of several publicly listed companies, Robert Feij is ideally qualified to support the next development phase of Leclanché until the appointment of a permanent CFO. Mr Perrudet will remain with the company until the end of the first quarter 2012 to ensure a smooth transition.

"We are very pleased to welcome Robert Feij to Leclanché as he brings the required financial and business expertise we need for our strategic development", said Dr. Ulrich Ehmes, CEO of Leclanché. "On behalf of the company, I would also like to thank Christian Perrudet for his commitment and service to the company and wish him every success in his future endeavors."

Mr. Feij's professional career has included a broad expertise in finance and administration notably as financial controller and later as CFO of Swiss and international publicly listed companies such as Bobst, Stryker Trauma, Leica Camera or Metallum Group Zurich.

**About Leclanché**

Leclanché specializes in the production of tailor-made energy storage solutions and is a leading manufacturer of large-format lithium ion cells in Europe. 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 a significantly increased life 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 allow better utilization of the power supply system, large hybrid diesel engines and electric vehicles.

Leclanché currently operates a fully automated pilot production line for large format lithium-ion cells with a theoretical annual maximum capacity of up to 4 MWh. To prepare for an increase in demand, Leclanché is currently in the process of expanding its production capacity by setting up a new production line for large format lithium-ion cells with a theoretical annual maximum capacity of up to 76 MWh

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 110 staff and recorded revenues of CHF 15.05 million in 2010. The company has its headquarters in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and has production facilities in Willstätt (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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