
Press Release

**Leclanché SA nominates Christoph Cleve for election to its
Board of Directors**

Yverdon-les-Bains, March 23, 2012 - Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), a Swiss company specialized in the production of large-format lithium-ion cells, announced today the nomination of Christoph Cleve, for election to its Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting on April 16, 2012. In addition, the company communicated that Dr Jürgen Diegruber has decided not to stand for re-election.

Rolf Eckrodt, Chairman of the Board of Directors, commented: *“Through his successful career in leading investment banks, Christoph Cleve has gained in-depth business development, management and financial experience. I am very pleased that Christoph Cleve has agreed to stand for election to our Board, allowing him to share his extensive know-how with the company.”*

Mr Eckrodt added: *“We would like to thank Dr Jürgen Diegruber for his valuable support during the expansion phase of the company. We wish him great success in his other projects, which need his full presence, and in all future endeavors.”*

Biography of Christoph Cleve

Christoph Cleve, German citizen, was born in 1956. Mr. Cleve began his professional career with Deutsche Bank AG in 1983, where he worked 17 years in different management positions including head syndicated loans and global head leveraged finance. From 2000 until 2004 he was managing director and head leveraged finance Europe at JP Morgan Chase and member of the German management of JP Morgan Chase. In October 2004, Mr. Cleve joined Barclays Capital where he held several management positions including co-head investment banking Europe. Since 2009 Mr. Cleve is self-employed and makes investments in small and medium sized enterprises in which he also takes a seat in the board of directors and advises companies in financing and capital markets matters. Mr. Cleve holds a law degree from the University of Strasbourg.

About Leclanché

Leclanché specializes in the production of tailor-made energy storage solutions. Leclanché's strategy is to expand its position as one of the leading lithium-ion cell producers and solution providers for renewable energy storage systems in Europe. Its initial strategic priority is stationary home electric energy storage applications and expansion into the stationary industrial and grid electricity storage markets. Through participation in research consortia focusing on off-road and automotive applications, Leclanché is positioned to take advantage of new market opportunities.

Through a licensed ceramic separator technology and focus on lithium-titanate technology, Leclanché manufactures large-format lithium-ion cells optimized for safety and cycle-life in a fully automated production process. Leclanché currently operates a fully automated pilot production line with an installed annual production capacity of up to 4 MWh in large-format lithium-ion cells. By the end of the second quarter of 2012, Leclanché expects to commence commercial production at its first mass production line with an installed annual capacity of up to 76 MWh in lithium-titanate cells.

Leclanché was founded in 1909 in Yverdon-les-Bains. Through the integration of a spin-off from the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in 2006, the company evolved from a traditional battery manufacturer to become a leading developer and manufacturer of lithium-ion cells in Europe. Leclanché currently employs 120 staff and recorded revenues of CHF 13.4 million in 2011. The company has its headquarters in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and production facilities in Willstätt (Germany). Leclanché is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN).

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