
Press Release

Leclanché provides business update

- **Appointment of new CFO on an interim basis**
- **Speed issue in one of the production steps being actively addressed but is not expected to be solved before year end**
- **Lithium Ion cells from the new production line in certification phase**
- **Energy storage modules in pre-test validation phase**

Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland, 21th December 2012 - 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 Klaus Toennesmann (43) as Chief Financial Officer on an interim basis effective immediately. With a solid financial experience, a broad investor network and a thorough understanding of the cleantech industry, Klaus Toennesmann is well qualified to support the company in its evaluation of financial and strategic alternatives to cover its funding following March 2013.

Leclanché also informed that progress has been made towards solving the speed issue in one of the production steps of Leclanché's new production line. However the issue is not expected to be solved before the end of the year. In the meantime, cells produced from the new production unit are currently in the UN38 certification phase. This test is an international norm for the transportation of Lithium Ion batteries. Finally Leclanché also announced that its energy storage modules HS3000 and HS3200 are in validation phase at well-recognized certification bodies.

An additional business update will be provided in due course.

Klaus Toennesmann gained a deep knowledge of the cleantech industry as senior investment executive at leading Cleantech investment funds in Germany and Switzerland, notably Good Energies Inc in Zug and eCapital AG in Germany. During his career he managed a large number of transactions and supported the growth of several cleantech companies. Following the completion of an MSc in economics and an MBA at the University of Edinburgh, UK, he joined Deutsche Bank in 1999.

About Leclanché

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 strategic priorities are stationary home electrical energy storage applications and expansion into the stationary industrial and grid electricity storage markets. Through participation in research consortia focusing on hybrid and E-mobility applications, Leclanché is positioned to take advantage of new market opportunities.

Through a unique, patented 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. The newly installed production line will have an annual capacity of 1 million cells or 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 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 is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN). The company has its headquarters in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and production facilities in Willstätt (Germany).

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