
Press Release

Milestone in storage of wind energy: ads-tec and Leclanché deliver industrial storage solution for German wind farm

- **Delivery of large-scale solution with 100 kWh capacity to German wind park developer**
- **Leclanché's lithium-ion technology forms the heart of the storage solution**
- **ads-tec provides energy storage in container format and entire data and power management**
- **Industrial storage solution decouples production and consumption of wind energy**

Yverdon-les-Bains/ Leinfelden-Echterdingen, June 27, 2012 – Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), a Swiss company specialized in the production of large-format lithium-ion cells and energy storage solutions, together with ads-tec, a German developer and manufacturer of high-performance lithium ion battery and storage systems, have entered the industrial wind farm market with the delivery of an industrial storage solution to a German wind project developer. The system consists of Leclanché lithium-ion cells with electronics from ads-tec and will be used for the efficient storage and shifting of intermittent wind energy from the moment of generation to the time when it is actually needed. The four racks – each consisting of thirteen interconnected storage modules – have a total storage capacity of 100 kWh and will be delivered in Q3.

“Industrial energy storage is getting a momentum. The entry into the wind market together with ads-tec certainly marks a milestone for our large-scale storage solutions. Two of our key technological features of our lithium-ion cells have opened the door to this exciting market: the high cycle rate of 15.000 full charge and discharge cycles, as well as the built in safety element, our ceramic separator. We are confident that due to the greater decentralized generation and the feed-in volatility of renewable energies, our customized industrial storage systems will play an increasing part in the efficient use of wind and solar power”, said Dr. Ulrich Ehmes, CEO of Leclanché.

„High-performance energy storage systems will play a key role for the success of the global energy turnaround and the guarantee of constant power supply from renewable energy for industrial systems. In this project of equipping the wind farm with a container solution by ads-tec together with the lithium-ion technology by Leclanché we placed a milestone in the infrastructure building of decentralized power supply”, said Thomas Speidel, CEO ads-tec.

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 is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN). The company has its headquarters in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and production facilities in Willstätt (Germany). Leclanché is member of the Board of Directors of the competence network for li-ion batteries KliB e.V. For more information, please visit the site of Leclanché: www.leclanche.com.

About ads-tec

ads-tec is developer and producer of electric high-performance battery and storage systems and supplier of customized battery systems. More than 30 years of experience and expert knowledge in system development is characteristic for the 100% inhouse development solutions from ads-tec.

ads-tec is a founding board member of the competence network for li-ion batteries KliB e.V. (www.klib-org.de) and is also part of many excellence clusters supported by the federal government for the development of new storage systems for mobile and stationary use along the supply chain.

The company has 250 employees and is based in Leinfelden-Echterdingen with a production site in Dresden.

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