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**Press Release**

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**Leclanché SA provides business updates**

**Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland, December 12, 2013** - Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), specialized in the production of large-format lithium-ion cells and energy storage solutions, today confirmed that its EBITDA loss for the year is likely to be at or close to the target previously announced and provided a business update.

**Leclanche SA 2013 Guidance**

On July 9, 2013 Leclanché SA stated that it expected its EBITDA loss for the year to December 31, 2013 to be less than 10 million CHF versus a loss of 12.9 million CHF in 2012. Based on unaudited results year to date, the Company confirms that its EBITDA loss for the year is likely to be at or close to this target. This is consistent with its turnaround plan.

**New appointments**

Leclanché SA is pleased to announce that Mr. Joachim Simonis, Head of Sales and Marketing, and Mr. Thierry Perronnet, General Manager Distribution, both of whom joined the company earlier this year, have been appointed to the company's Executive Committee.

In addition, and in line with its plan to continuously review and reduce procurement costs, Leclanché announced the appointment of Mr. Ralf Kimmel as Strategic Buyer. Mr Kimmel is a German national and a graduate of the University of Applied Sciences of Pforzheim where he specialised in purchasing and logistics. He previously worked in the automobile sector at TRW Automotive and in the Industrial Chemicals industry at Rhodia and Syngenta.

**Business update**

Leclanché further announced that it has secured orders for a 25kWh system from the Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale and a 63kWh system for a commercial application to a client in Germany. A 25kWh system was also delivered to the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) for micro-grid research in September.

Furhermore, consistent with its strategy of building an international network of alliances, it has signed three international distributorship/agency agreements with Ampere SPA in Italy, JAL Limited in Saudi Arabia and Bisol EPC in Slovenia,

Ampere SPA is an established distributor of electrical equipment in Italy and will be responsible for the development of Leclanché sales of Stationary and Portable products and cells in Italy. JAL Limited is a leading electrical contractor in Saudi Arabia and will be responsible for the development of Leclanche's sales of both Stationary and Portable products in Saudi Arabia, the GCC countries and

Jordan. Bisol EPC is an established manufacturer of solar equipment in Eastern Europe and will be responsible for the development of Leclanché sales of both Portable and Stationary products in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Greece and Cyprus.

### **Financial Results**

The Company will announce preliminary unaudited consolidated revenue on January 15, 2014 and the audited financial results for 2013 on March 5, 2014.

### **About Leclanché**

Leclanché's strategy is to become one of the leading lithium-ion cell producers and solution providers for energy storage systems in Europe. Its strategic priorities are to develop and market energy storage products for home, industrial markets and grid applications and to grow its existing businesses of developing portable energy storage systems for military, medical and industrial applications. It also includes providing a range of professional energy storage systems to a diversified customer base. 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 one 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 more than 100 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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