
Press Release

Leclanché SA obtains a time extension of its bridge loan

- **Financial Results to be announced on Tuesday March 5, 2013**

Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland, 1 March 2013 - Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), specialized in the production of large-format lithium-ion cells and energy storage solutions, announced today that Bruellan Corporate Governance Action Fund (“Bruellan”) has agreed to defer the maturity date of its bridge loan to Leclanché from March 31 to June 30, 2013, or such earlier date as to coincide with a refinancing of the Group.

This extension will provide Leclanché with additional flexibility to proceed with its financing program. The company believes that it will also enable Leclanché SA and Leclanché GmbH to pursue their activities until the end of April 2013. In addition to a capital increase, Leclanché is also investigating other financial and strategic alternatives to cover its medium term funding needs. In this respect, the company has appointed Kepler Corporate Finance as financial advisor.

Leclanché had announced on November 23, 2012 that its German subsidiary, Leclanché GmbH, had obtained a € 5 million/CHF 6 million bridge loan from Bruellan to cover its short term funding needs. The loan is secured with assets of Leclanché GmbH. The parties have agreed that following a capital increase to raise further funds for Leclanché SA the lender shall have the right to convert the loan into shares of Leclanché SA and that the lender shall be awarded warrants to purchase shares of Leclanché SA.

Leclanché’s full-year 2012 financial results will be published on Tuesday March 5, 2013. An analyst and investor meeting will take place the same day at 14:15 in Zürich. A live audio webcast of the meeting will be accessible on the Leclanché web site: www.leclanche.ch. A replay of this teleconference will be made available one hour after the conference on the Leclanché web site. A separate invitation will be issued for this meeting.

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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