
Press Release

Leclanché SA announces increase of 20.1% of its 2012 revenues

- **Total consolidated revenues of CHF 16.1 million**
- **Business of large format cells and systems increase by 177% to CHF 3.5 million**
- **Kepler Corporate Finance appointed as financial advisor**

Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland, 15 January 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 its total consolidated revenues reached CHF 16.1 million in 2012, an increase of 20.1% compared to CHF 13.4 million in 2011. Revenues of Leclanché's large-format lithium-ion cells and storage systems, including grants, reached CHF 3.5 million, an increase of 177% compared with CHF 1.3 million in 2011. Leclanché's portable business reached CHF 8.8 million, an increase of 10.9%. As anticipated, the distribution business declined by 10.2% to CHF 3.8 million.

These results indicate progress in the implementation of Leclanché's strategy for lithium-ion-based storage systems for home and industrial applications.

Leclanché continues to investigate financial and strategic alternatives to cover its medium term funding needs following the maturation of its bridge loan at the end of March 2013. In this respect, the company has appointed Kepler Corporate Finance as financial advisor. Kepler will advise Leclanché on all options to fund the company for the future business development. At this stage no definitive solution has been secured for the future funding of the company.

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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