

## PRESS RELEASE

### New CFO at Leclanché

- **Hubert Angelys appointed as new CFO and member of the Executive Committee from February 2016.**
- **Current CFO, Andrew Firmston-Williams, shall leave the company after due notice period.**

**Yverdon-Les-Bains, Switzerland, 9 December 2015** – To support Leclanché's current growth, the company's board has decided to appoint a new CFO to help strengthen its fast ramping operations.

Hubert Angelys, a French citizen, has 25 years of experience during which he has held several Finance Director positions with country, regional and global responsibilities. His career has allowed him to span a diverse range of business sectors, size and functions, which will allow him to be rapidly operational and to contribute fully to the leadership of the business.

Most recently, until August 2014, Hubert served as the CEO of METALOR Group, a multibillion global corporation headquartered in Neuchâtel (Switzerland). His vast and rich experience includes working as CFO in Companies like METALOR, ALCOA Europe - Geneva and SICPA Group - Lausanne.

Andrew Firmston-Williams, current CFO of the Company, will be leaving his active duty from Feb 2016, while serving the due notice period until June 2016.

Anil Srivastava, CEO of Leclanché SA, adds: "I am pleased to welcome Hubert. I am confident that Hubert will make a significant contribution to Leclanché's growth. I wish to thank Andrew for his service throughout the past two and a half years to the Company".

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**About Leclanché**

Leclanché, which is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SIX:LECN), has a wide range of storage products for homes, small offices, large industries, electricity grids, hybridization for mass transport systems like fleet of buses, trams etc. Established in 1909 Leclanché has been a reliable partner for battery storage technologies. Founded in the tradition of Georges Leclanché, the inventor of the dry cell battery, Leclanché today has a rich portfolio of Energy Storage Systems that include Specialized Customer-specific Battery Systems to industry leading lithium-ion solutions. Through the integration of a spin-off of the German Fraunhofer Institute in 2006 the company evolved from a traditional battery producer into one of the first developers and manufacturers of lithium-ion cells in Europe. Leclanché's Storage Solutions are optimized for various applications, in particular for the integration of renewable energy, diesel fuel reduction, electricity grid-connected ancillary services, peak power shaving for heavy industries but also for heavy duty transportation in buses, trams, trains or maritime vessels. Leclanché products are characterized by a very high cycle stability (both for cells with titanate and graphite anode) and long service life. Thanks to our patented separator technology, which is a core element of lithium ion batteries, Leclanché is able to make cells with very good safety characteristics in a highly automated production process. Leclanché operates a fully automated plant for the production of large format lithium-ion cells at an annual maximum capacity of up to one million cells and is capable of running multiple chemistries through production for different cell characteristics. In addition, Leclanché offers a number of specialized battery systems through its Portable Business Unit, such as customer-specific energy storage systems for defence and medical applications. Leclanché also distributes primary and secondary batteries and accessories of other producers. [www.leclanche.com](http://www.leclanche.com)