

Press Release

Parliamentary visit to Willstätt: Andreas Jung, Chair of the Advisory Council on Sustainable Development in the German Bundestag, to visit energy storage specialist Leclanché.

Energy stores are vital for energy transition in Germany. / Leclanché produces innovative lithium graphite/NMC batteries. / Andreas Jung, Member of the Bundestag, comes on-site to find out more.

Willstätt, 13 March 2015. Leclanché in Willstätt is delighted about an important visit: on 13 March 2015, Andreas Jung (CDU), Member of the German Bundestag, is to visit the energy storage specialist.

Michael Ihringer, Managing Director of Leclanché GmbH, said: "Leclanché is one of the leading manufacturers and developers of energy storage systems in Europe. Our multi-technology approach provides entirely new, pioneering means of tackling the diverse challenges of energy storage technology. Leclanché has invested substantially in production in Germany, henceforth also manufacturing lithium graphite/NMC cells and storage." Co-Managing Director Heiko Ross added: "Furthermore, Leclanché places heavy emphasis on the intelligent integration of different battery types via software and electronics. We are very proud to be allowed to present our innovations to Andreas Jung. After all, he is one of the most important people shaping energy transition in Germany, as well as a sustainable energy industry."

Andreas Jung, Member of the Bundestag, stated: "I am fully committed to promoting the energy transition and electricity supplied from renewable energy sources. Intelligent, efficient energy stores are therefore a significant factor in achieving this - also from an economic perspective. I see here good opportunities for the German economy. Actively developing Germany as a location for a sustainable energy industry is one of my most important missions as Chair of the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development. As the chairman of the advisory board for sustainable development I strongly support Germany's energy



turnaround, where storage has to play a key role. Visiting Leclanché offers me a great opportunity to discuss this with a major contributor to the future of our economy."

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About Leclanché S.A.

Leclanché specializes in custom-made energy storage systems. The company's strategy is aimed at enhancing its position as one of the leading manufacturers of lithium-ion cells and providers of electrical storage solutions for renewable energies in Europe. Its first priority is stationary home storage solutions for electrical current, as well as expansion into markets for stationary, industrial and grid storage solutions. Through focused participation in research consortia studying mobile storage solutions, Leclanché is positioning itself to make use of possibilities arising from these new markets.

Using a unique and patented separator technology, the core element of its lithium-ion cells, and a focus on lithium titanate technology, Leclanché is able to manufacture cells with above average safety characteristics and life span in automated production. The new production facility for large format lithium titanate cells has a total installed capacity of up to one million cells or more than 70 MWh per year.

Leclanché was founded in 1909 in Yverdon-les-Bains. By integrating a spin-off from the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in 2006, the company evolved from being a traditional battery manufacturer to become a leading developer and manufacturer of lithium-ion cells in Europe. Leclanché currently employs approximately 120 staff and is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (LECN). The company has its head office in Yverdon-les-Bains (Switzerland) and a production facility in Willstätt (Germany). <u>http://www.leclanche.com</u>

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