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## Leclanché Shareholders Approve All Board Proposals

• Increase of authorised and conditional capital to enable Leclanché to raise funds to support its 2016 growth plans

• One new board member elected

**YVERDON-LES-BAINS, Switzerland, 04 May 2016:** Leclanché S.A. (SIX Swiss Exchange: LECN), the fully vertically integrated, battery energy storage system provider, announced today that its shareholders approved all the proposals of the Board of Directors at its 2016 Annual General Meeting held this morning in Yverdon-les-Bains.

Shareholders approved all the resolutions relating to the increase of the authorized and conditional share capital in connection with the 2016 operating and growth plans of the company. Shareholders also elected Mr. David Anthony Ishag as a new board member. The CEO, Mr. Anil Srivastava, provided a comprehensive overview on 2015's major achievements, the early 2016's landmark projects and the leading market position Leclanché is taking. He shared his optimism of securing and delivering more than 100 MWh of energy storage systems in 2017. Further, he articulated the need for raising capital to support the growth plan of the Company. Finally, after preparatory discussions with Bruellan Corporate Governance Action Fund, the Board of Directors recommended that shareholders approve the Bruellan proposal to remove article 5 of the Articles of Association, regarding opting-up; this proposal was also accepted.

"We sincerely thank our shareholders for their continuous support to Leclanché and its management team. We are grateful to the shareholders for approving all proposed resolutions. I'm confident that the Company will soon raise the required capital to deliver on its growth plan," commented Jim Atack, Chairman of Leclanché.

Commenting on today's resolutions, the newly elected Board member, David Anthony Ishag added: "I am very pleased to join the Board of the Company at this particular time when the market opportunities are extremely promising. I am looking forward to support both the Board and the management team in their mission to deliver sustainable and profitable growth. I am confident the goals that the management team has set are ambitious but achievable: 2016 will be another milestone year for the Company."

The Chairman of Leclanché noted his appreciation of Bryan Urban, who has stepped down from the Board to assume the top-role in managing the North American subsidiary and thank him for his involvement in the implementation of the growth plan.

## About Leclanché

Leclanché is a fully vertically integrated battery energy storage solution provider. It delivers a wide range of turnkey energy storage solutions for homes, small offices, large industries, electricity grids, as well as hybridization for mass transport systems such as bus fleets and ferries. Established in 1909, Leclanché has been a reliable partner for battery energy storage solutions for over 100 years. Founded in the tradition of Georges Leclanché, the inventor of the dry cell battery, Leclanché today has a rich portfolio of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) that include bespoke battery systems from industry leading lithium-ion solutions. Since 2006, the company moved from a traditional battery producer to become one of the first developers, manufacturers and provided of lithium-ion cells in Europe. Leclanché's BESS 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, as well as 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 anodes) and industry-leading long service life resulting into reduced total cost of ownership. With its patented separator technology, which is a core element of lithium-ion batteries, Leclanché is able to make cells with very good safety characteristics, under 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.

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