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L. White Matthews, III, Elected To Ecolab Board Of Directors

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 18, 2000: Ecolab Inc. announced that L. White Matthews, III, 54, Ecolab's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, was elected a director of the company by the Ecolab Board of Directors. This is in keeping with the company's historical practice of the chief financial officer serving on the board of directors. Ecolab is the leading global developer and marketer of premium cleaning, sanitizing, pest elimination, maintenance and repair products and services for the hospitality, institutional, food and beverage and industrial markets. For the year ended December 31, 1999, Ecolab reported sales of $2.1 billion; including European joint venture sales of $0.9 billion, Ecolab's global sales coverage was $3 billion. Ecolab shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange under the symbol ECL.

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