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Ecolab Sells Jackson Unit, Expands Kitchen Equipment Service Opportunities

ST. PAUL, Minn., November 10, 2000 - Expanding its service business while focusing on its core competencies, Ecolab Inc. announced today it has sold its Jackson dish machine manufacturing unit to Enodis Corporation, Tampa, FL, (formerly Welbilt Corporation) for $36 million. Enodis is a unit of Enodis plc (NYSE and LSE - ENO). Jackson's sales are approximately $40 million, which includes Ecolab inter-company sales.

As part of the sale agreement, Ecolab's GCS commercial kitchen equipment repair service will enhance its geographic and brand coverage for Enodis' kitchen equipment lines. The companies also entered into a long-term supply agreement under which Jackson will continue to supply dish machines to Ecolab.

Allan L. Schuman, Ecolab's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, saying, "We are very pleased to be entering this supply relationship with Enodis. By focusing our efforts on what we do best, we expect to enhance our value to customers, increase our growth opportunities and improve our shareholder returns."

Ecolab is the leading global developer and marketer of premium cleaning, sanitizing, pest elimination, maintenance and repair products and services for the hospitality, healthcare, 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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