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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Investor Meeting On September 13

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 7, 2001--Ecolab will host a live webcast of its biennial Investor Meeting being held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT

DATE: Thursday, September 13th, 2001

DURATION: Four Hours

LOCATION: http://www.ecolab.com/financial_investor

ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site

through September 24th, 2001.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of the Company's Web site at http://www.ecolab.com/financial_investor, on the day of the investor meeting and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access, a soundcard and the Windows Media Player or other compatible streaming media player. If you do not have the Media Player client installed on your PC, you may download a free version, Windows Media Player 7.1, at http://www.microsoft.com/windowsmedia/en/download/default.asp.

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, 2000, Ecolab reported sales of $2.3 billion; including European joint venture sales, Ecolab's global sales coverage was $3.1 billion. Ecolab shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange under the symbol ECL.

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