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Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb 22, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.135 per common share, to be paid April 15, 2002 to share holders of record at the close of business on March 19, 2002.

Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 65 consecutive years.

With worldwide sales exceeding $3 billion, Ecolab is the leading global developer and marketer of premium cleaning, sanitizing, pest elimination, maintenance and repair products and services for the hospitality, institutional and industrial markets.

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