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Jochen Krautter Appointed to Ecolab Board of Directors; Hugo Uyterhoeven Retires

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 15, 2002--Ecolab Inc. announced the appointment of Jochen Krautter to the Ecolab Board of Directors, replacing Hugo Uyterhoeven who has retired from the Board after 10 years of dedicated service. Mr. Krautter, 59, is Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA of Düsseldorf, Germany, a manufacturer of chemicals, household and personal care products and adhesives. There are currently 11 directors on Ecolab's board.

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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NOTE TO EDITORS: There should be an umlaut above the "u" in Dusseldorf.

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