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Ecolab Implementing Voluntary Product Stewardship Program

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jun 20, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- In its quest to continually improve cleaning solutions for its customers, Ecolab is currently incorporating the "Product Care" stewardship program.

Supported by the Consumer Specialty Products Association's (CSPA), Product Care provides guidelines to CSPA-member companies for developing, manufacturing, distributing and marketing products.

"As a Product Care participant, Ecolab demonstrates the great care it takes to ensure that our customers enjoy the many benefits of our products and systems," said Dr. Bruce Cords, Ecolab's vice president of Environmental Affairs. "This program provides a significant complement to our existing stewardship and sustainability efforts."

Ecolab is a longstanding member of the CSPA, which is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit national trade association representing about 220 companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of hundreds of consumer products. Currently, 44 CSPA members have adopted the Product Care program.

Cords adds, "Product Care directly ties into Ecolab's mission statement which states that, `Our business is to be a leading innovator, developer and marketer of worldwide services, products and systems, which provide superior value to our customers in meeting their cleaning, sanitizing and maintenance needs, while conserving resources and preserving the quality of the environment and providing a fair profit for our shareholders.'"

Product Care guidelines cover seven areas of operation, including product design, storage and distribution, consumer education and outreach, and product disposal.

"This program enables CSPA to be a strong advocate for initiatives that participants already have in place while promoting a high level of performance throughout the industry," said CSPA President and Chief Operating Officer Christopher Cathcart. "It promotes understanding and confidence with consumers, customers, legislators and regulators."

With global sales exceeding $3 billion, Ecolab is the leading global developer and marketer of premium cleaning, sanitizing, maintenance and pest elimination products and services for the hospitality, institutional and industrial markets. Ecolab shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange under the symbol ECL.

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