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Ecolab Announces Resignation

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jul 1, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced that Richard L. Marcantonio, its President - Industrial and Services Sectors, has resigned to become the President and Chief Operating Officer of G&K Services, Inc.

"During Rick's tenure, Ecolab strategically refocused its industrial businesses, expanded its services businesses and laid the groundwork for their further development," said Allan L. Schuman, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ecolab. "We thank Rick for his contributions to Ecolab over the past five years and wish him every success in his new career."

Marcantonio's duties will be assumed on an interim basis by Mr. Schuman.

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.

Ecolab shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange under the symbol ECL. Ecolab news releases and other investor information are available on the Internet at http://www.ecolab.com and by telephone at 1-800-FACT-ECL.

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