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Ecolab Schedules Webcast and Conference Call On October 22

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 10, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab will host a live webcast of its third quarter investor conference call. A press release containing third quarter results is expected to be issued before the market opens on October 22, 2002.

Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2002
DURATION: One hour
LOCATION: http://www.ecolab.com/investor
ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available
at that site through November 1, 2002.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of the Company's Web site at http://www.ecolab.com/investor, on the day of the conference call 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 Windows Media Player client installed on your PC, you may download a free version, Media Player 7.1, at http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/players.asp.

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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