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Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 15, 2003--The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.0725 per common share, to be paid October 15, 2003 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 16, 2003.

The dividend amount reflects the two-for-one stock split Ecolab paid on June 6, 2003.

Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 66 consecutive years.

With sales of $3.4 billion, Ecolab is the leading global developer and marketer of premium cleaning, sanitizing, pest elimination, maintenance and repair products for the hospitality, foodservice, 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 www.ecolab.com.

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