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Ecolab Schedules Webcast and Conference Call on October 21

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 13, 2003--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 21, 2003.

Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME:	1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
DATE:	Tuesday, October 21, 2003
DURATION:	One hour
LOCATION:	http://www.ecolab.com/investor
ARCHIVE:	A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through October 31st.

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

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 under the symbol ECL.

Ecolab news releases and other investor information are available on the Internet at www.ecolab.com.

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