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Ecolab Expands Its European Food & Beverage Business

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 4, 2005--Ecolab Inc. announced it has expanded its European food and beverage hygiene business through the purchase of certain operations of Kilco Chemicals Ltd.. Based near Belfast, Northern Ireland, Kilco offers products, systems and services for the food and beverage processing industry. Sales are approximately $5 million. No other details were announced.

With global sales of $4.2 billion, Ecolab is the leading global developer and marketer of premium cleaning, sanitizing, pest elimination, maintenance and repair products and services 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.

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