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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Investor Meeting on September 8th

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 30, 2005--Ecolab Inc. announced it will host a live webcast of its meeting for professional investors to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota on Thursday, September 8. Details for the webcast are as follows:

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TIME:                    9:30 am - 3:00 pm Eastern Time
DATE:                    Thursday, September 8th
DURATION:                Morning session:    9:30 am to 11:30 am ET
(times are approximate)  Mid-day session:    12:00 noon to 12:45 pm ET
                         Afternoon session:  1:20 pm to 3:00 pm ET
LOCATION:                http://www.ecolab.com/investor
ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site
    through September 19, 2005.
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To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of Ecolab's Web site at 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 computer, you may download a free version of Windows Media Player, at http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/download/default.asp

With 2004 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 under the symbol ECL.

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

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