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## Ecolab Mobilizes Assistance for Hurricane Katrina Victims

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sep 02, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today it is mobilizing its efforts to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. The company is working with charitable organizations to distribute Ecolab waterless antibacterial hand sanitizer, surface sanitizer and other cleaning and sanitizing products to the affected areas. The product donations will be used to help prevent the spread of disease among survivors and volunteers, and to assist in cleanup efforts in the aftermath of the hurricane and related flooding and damage.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected by this terrible tragedy," said Douglas M. Baker, Ecolab's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are working to provide support for our Ecolab associates, our customers and, through relief organizations, to provide support the other survivors of this disaster."

Ecolab is also spearheading a matching gift campaign among employees, matching up to $100,000 of employee contributions to the American Red Cross. In addition, Ecolab has offered to make its 50,000-square-foot distribution center in Garland, Texas, available to the American Red Cross to distribute supplies during the relief effort. Ecolab experts in disease prevention will also be available to assist relief organizations in their ongoing recovery efforts.

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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