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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for September 27th

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 20, 2005--Ecolab Inc.'s President and Chief Executive Officer, Douglas M. Baker, will address financial analysts at the Credit Suisse First Boston 18th Annual Chemical Conference in New York, NY, on Tuesday, September 27, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Baker's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME:	11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
DATE:	Tuesday, September 27, 2005
DURATION:	Approximately 30 minutes
LOCATION:	http://www.ecolab.com/investor
ARCHIVE:	A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through October 7, 2005.

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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