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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for February 8th

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 31, 2006--Ecolab Inc.'s Executive Vice President - Asia Pacific & Latin America, Phil Mason, will address financial analysts at UBS Grass Roots Chemical Conference in Miami, FL on Wednesday, February 8, at 10:10 a.m. Eastern Time. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Mason's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME:	10:10 a.m. Eastern Time
DATE:	Wednesday, February 8, 2006
DURATION:	Approximately 40 minutes
LOCATION:	http://www.ecolab.com/investor
ARCHIVE:	A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through February 17, 2006.

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, healthcare and industrial markets. Ecolab shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ECL.

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