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## Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for May 3rd

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 26, 2006--Ecolab Inc.'s Executive Vice President - Institutional Sector, Jim Miller, will address financial analysts at the Bank of America Basic Industries Conference in New York, NY on Wednesday, May 3, at approximately 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Miller's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

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| TIME: | Approximately 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time |
| DATE: | Wednesday, May 3, 2006 |
| DURATION: | Approximately 30 minutes |
| LOCATION: | http://www.ecolab.com/investor |
| ARCHIVE: | A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through May 12, 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 2005 sales of $4.5 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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