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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for June 27th

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 16, 2006--Ecolab Inc.'s Chairman, President and CEO, Douglas M. Baker, Jr., will address financial analysts at the William Blair & Company's 26th Annual Growth Stock Conference in Chicago, IL on Tuesday, June 27, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Baker's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time

DATE: Tuesday, June 27, 2006

DURATION: Approximately 30 minutes

LOCATION: http://www.ecolab.com/investor

ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through July 7, 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. Ecolab news releases and other investor information are available on the Internet at www.ecolab.com.

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