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Ecolab Schedules Webcast and Conference Call on October 20th

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 09, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab will host a live webcast of its third quarter investor conference call. A press release containing third quarter results is expected to be issued before the market opens on October 20, 2006.

Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

DATE: Friday, October 20, 2006

DURATION: One hour

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

ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through November 3, 2006

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of the Company's Web site at http://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 PC, 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 http://www.ecolab.com.

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