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Ecolab Seeks to End Dual Listing On PCX

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec 08, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced plans to voluntarily withdraw it securities from dual listing on NYSE Arca, Inc., formerly the Pacific Exchange ("PCX"). Ecolab's common stock will continue to be listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ECL.

Ecolab decided to withdraw its listing from the PCX due to minimal trading of its common stock on the PCX. Voluntary delisting will also eliminate the incremental cost and administrative requirements inherent with dual listing on the PCX.

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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