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Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb 23, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.115 per common share, to be paid April 16, 2007, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 20, 2007. Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 70 consecutive years.

With 2006 sales of $5 billion and more than 13,000 sales-and-service associates, Ecolab Inc. (NYSE:ECL) is the global leader in cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection control products and services. Ecolab delivers comprehensive programs and services to the foodservice, food and beverage processing, healthcare, and hospitality markets in more than 160 countries. More news and information is available at www.ecolab.com.

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