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Ecolab Once Again Named in the "100 Best Corporate Citizens" List by CRO Magazine

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb 14, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. once again was ranked in the 2007 CRO Magazine (formerly Business Ethics Magazine) annual list of the "100 Best Corporate Citizens," one of only eleven companies to make the list for eight consecutive years.

"We are honored that Ecolab has been consistently recognized as one of America's '100 Best Corporate Citizens,'" said Ecolab Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Douglas M. Baker, Jr. "We value and expect good business results - and we also value how we achieve those results. We believe 'doing the right thing' and driving great financial results are interlinked. Our goal as a company is to deliver great results year after year. To do this, we must continually reinvest in both our company and society's foundations, as well as seek ways to leverage them. We appreciate that CRO Magazine recognizes our efforts."

The "100 Best Corporate Citizens" list, published in the spring 2007 issue of CRO Magazine, ranks a company's best practices in the area of corporate social responsibility based on eight stakeholders, which include diversity, community, governance, shareholders and the environment.

The "100 Best Corporate Citizens" list is compiled using data from Socrates, the online social research database created by Boston's KLD Research & Analytics, an independent research firm serving investment management professionals, to put a numerical rating on companies' service to various stakeholders. Companies considered for the list are on the Russell 1000, the S&P 500, and KLD's Domini 400 Social Index. Scores are based on KLD's "assessment of strengths and concerns demonstrated in each category."

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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