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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for May 10th

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 03, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc.'s Executive Vice President, Industrial Sector, Tom Handley, will address financial analysts at the Bank of America 2007 BASics/Industrials Conference in New York, NY on Thursday, May 10th, at 10:45 a.m. Eastern Time. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Handley's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

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TIME:       10:45 a.m. Eastern Time

DATE:       Thursday, May 10, 2007

DURATION:   Approximately 30 minutes

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

ARCHIVE:    A replay of the webcast will be available at that
            site through May 18, 2007.
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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 and the Windows Media, RealPlayer or other compatible streaming media player.

With sales of $5 billion, Ecolab Inc. (NYSE:ECL) is the global leader in cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection prevention 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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