PRESS RELEASES

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CORRECTING and REPLACING Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 04, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- First graph, first sentence of release should read: The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.115 per common share, to be paid July 16, 2007, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 19, 2007 (sted to be paid June 19, 2007, to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 16, 2007.)

The corrected release reads:

ECOLAB DECLARES REGULAR DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.115 per common share, to be paid July 16, 2007, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 19, 2007.

Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 70 consecutive years.

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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