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Ecolab Enters Australian Pest Elimination Business

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jul 09, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today it has purchased Eagle Environmental Systems, a provider of pest elimination services based in Sydney, Australia. The acquisition is part of Ecolab's strategy to expand its global pest elimination coverage, strengthening its circle the customer strategy. Annual sales for Eagle are approximately $4 million. No further details regarding the transaction were announced.

"The Eagle acquisition enables us to provide additional solutions for important customer needs, providing improved growth and better leverage opportunities in Australia by means of our Circle the Customer strategy," said Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "It also represents another important step in our strategy to develop Ecolab's significant global pest elimination opportunities and more fully serve our customers around the world."

With 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 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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