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Ecolab Named among 'Great Places to Work'

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug 17, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

Ecolab Inc. was recognized today by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal as one of the "Great Places to Work" in the Twin Cities.

For the second year in a row, Ecolab was named as one of the top-scoring businesses on the recent Employee Survey conducted by Quantum Market Research and the Business Journal.

Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, saying, "We are proud to receive this recognition again this year. Our aim has always been to create an environment where people can build careers that foster personal and professional growth while adding significant value to our company. Ecolab associates believe in our mission to make the world a cleaner, safer, healthier place, and embrace our culture of mutual respect and teamwork. We work hard and do our best every day - for our customers, our shareholders, our communities and one another."

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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