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Ecolab Expands Its Dairy Hygiene Business in Ireland

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec 04, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced it has purchased the Irish dairy hygiene business from Novartis Animal Health Ireland Limited. The business, which has annual sales of approximately $3 million, will be integrated into the existing Ecolab Food & Beverage business in Ireland. No further details regarding the transaction were announced.

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 foodservice, food and beverage processing (including programs for milk farmers and the milk industry), healthcare, and hospitality markets in more than 160 countries. More news and information is available at www.ecolab.com.

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