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Ecolab Schedules Webcast and Conference Call on February 12th

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan 22, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab will host a live webcast of its fourth quarter investor conference call. A press release containing fourth quarter results is expected to be issued before the market opens on February 12, 2008.

Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2008

DURATION: One hour

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

ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through February 22, 2008.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of the Company's Web site at http://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 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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