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### **Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for May 21st**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 14, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc.'s Chief Financial Officer, Steven L. Fritze, will address financial analysts at the Goldman Sachs 2008 Basic Materials Conference in New York, NY on Wednesday, May 21. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Fritze's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 11:10 a.m. Eastern Time

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2008

DURATION: Approximately 30 minutes

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

ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through May 30, 2008.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of Ecolab's web site at [www.ecolab.com/investor](http://www.ecolab.com/investor) and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access, a soundcard and the Windows Media Player or other compatible streaming media player.

With sales of \$5.5 billion and more than 14,000 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, healthcare, and hospitality markets in more than 160 countries. More news and information is available at [www.ecolab.com](http://www.ecolab.com).

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