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Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 02, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.13 per common share, to be paid July 15, 2008, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 17, 2008. Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 71 consecutive years.

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 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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