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Ecolab Named among 'Best Places to Work' for Third Consecutive Year

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug 19, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. was once again recognized by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal as one of the "Best Places to Work" in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

For the third 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 for the third consecutive year. We have a record of strong growth and global expansion, and as a sales and service business offering premium results for customers, our people are our key advantage. To attract and develop our team, we strive to create an environment where our associates can build careers that foster personal and professional growth while adding significant value to our company. Our mission - to make the world a cleaner, safer, healthier place, and embrace our culture of mutual respect and teamwork - is core to our company and one we seek to further cultivate as we continue to grow our business and expand our opportunities."

With sales of $5.5 billion and more than 26,000 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.

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