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Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug 01, 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 October 15, 2008, to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 16, 2008. Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 71 consecutive years.

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 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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