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Ecolab Partners with Nation's Restaurant News to Sponsor Food Safety Symposium

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 17, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. demonstrated its ongoing commitment to food safety by co-sponsoring the third annual Nation's Restaurant News' Food Safety Symposium.

The Food Safety Symposium, held in September at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, N.C., provided a platform for sharing best practices, proactive and preventative approaches, and personal experiences surrounding food safety issues. Quality Assurance executives representing foodservice chains and operations from across the United States attended, and a three-page "Special Report" highlighting the Symposium will appear in the October 20 issue of Nation's Restaurant News.

Keynote speaker David Theno, Ph.D, Senior Vice President Quality and Logistics for Jack in the Box Inc., addressed the current state of food safety and recounted first-hand experiences involving the dangers of food safety neglect. Other event topics included best practices in product recalls, sustainability, the role of government in food safety, and food safety technology.

"I believe the Food Safety Symposium, sponsored by Ecolab and Nation's Restaurant News, is one of the most valuable industry focused meetings I have attended," said Dr. Hal King, Sr. Manager, Food & Product Safety at Chick-fil-A. "The meeting enhances professional development with our peers, and the content was relevant and timely to current food safety challenges in our industry."

Vice President of Quality Assurance, Compass Group NA, Linda Gilardi, also shared her thoughts about the benefits of the Symposium. "I commend both NRN and Ecolab for their ongoing commitment to the support of food safety advancement in our industry," Gilardi said. "Compass Group benefits tremendously from the expertise that Ecolab brings to the table as a Compass Group partner in food safety and sanitation."

Ecolab continues to champion new product and service innovation in cleaning and sanitation, to ensure a cleaner, safer, healthier world. Antimicrobial treatments and personal hygiene reduce the risk of food borne illness across the supply chain, from food and beverage processing to foodservice and food retail.

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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