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Ecolab Schedules Webcast and Conference Call on October 23rd

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 10, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab will host a live webcast of its third quarter investor conference call. A press release containing third quarter results is expected to be issued before the market opens on October 23, 2008.

Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
DATE: Thursday, October 23, 2008
DURATION: One hour
LOCATION: http://www.ecolab.com/investor
ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through November 7, 2008.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of the Company's Web site at http://www.ecolab.com/investor and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access and the Windows Media, RealPlayer or other compatible streaming media player.

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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