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Ecolab to Participate in Water Footprint Summit

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb 24, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today that it is co-sponsoring and presenting at the Water Footprint Summit USA, held February 26 and 27 in Miami. The event will facilitate the sharing of best practices among leaders from multiple industries. The topic this year is "Making the Business Case for Measuring and Reducing Corporate Water Footprints."

"Sustainability is a core issue for our Food & Beverage customers, and helping them achieve their sustainability goals is a priority for Ecolab," said Thomas W. Schnack, Executive Vice President, North America Food & Beverage and Water Care Services for Ecolab. "We leverage our breadth of expertise in cleaning and sanitizing, water treatment and effluent management to evaluate the entire plant and process flow to identify, implement and maintain programs that reduce water and energy consumption. That results in hard dollar operational savings in addition to improving the environmental impact of the plants we serve."

Ecolab will exhibit at the event and Roger Tippett, Vice President, RD&E Water & Energy Management for Ecolab, will speak on "A Holistic Approach to Water, Energy and Waste Reduction."

Ecolab is committed to helping customers minimize their environmental footprint through a total impact approach that helps conserve natural resources, increase safety and reduce waste. With global sustainability principles aimed at economic progress, environmental stewardship and social responsibility, Ecolab is also committed to responsible business practices and reducing its own impact on the environment.

With sales of \$6 billion and more than 26,000 associates, Ecolab (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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