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### Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for February 24th

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb 17, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc.'s Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Douglas M. Baker, Jr., will address financial analysts at the Credit Suisse 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Services Conference in Phoenix, AZ on Tuesday, February 24. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Baker's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time  
**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
**DURATION:** Approximately 30 minutes  
**LOCATION:** <http://www.ecolab.com/investor>  
**ARCHIVE:** A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through March 6, 2009.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of Ecolab's web site at [www.ecolab.com/investor](http://www.ecolab.com/investor) and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access, a soundcard and the Windows Media Player or other compatible streaming media player.

With sales of \$6 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](http://www.ecolab.com).

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