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ChillBuster (R) Advances Quality of Care from Pre-Op to Post-Op with Fully Mobile Patient Warming

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar 19, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. today announced the launch of the innovative ChillBuster^(R) Portable Patient Warming System. Effectively used on military battlefields for several years, ChillBuster can be used by healthcare professionals to reduce the risk of hypothermia-related patient complications.

"It is documented that consistent management of patient body temperature is critical before, during and after surgery," said Susan Nestegard, Executive Vice President, Global Healthcare. "The effective level of thermoregulation provided by ChillBuster stabilizes patient body temperature and reduces the effects of hypothermia, infection and many associated complications."

Functional, reliable, lightweight, compact, silent and fully portable with both battery and AC power operation, ChillBuster provides EMS, trauma units, surgical teams and hospital staff with a compact, superior way to control thermoregulation throughout the continuum of care.

ChillBuster is comfortable for patients and easy to use. Disposable blanket covers increase risk reduction and cost efficiency, and reduces the burden of washing and disinfecting cotton blankets used in conjunction with blanket warmers. "ChillBuster offers patients the care they need, when and where it's needed," Nestegard added.

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 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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