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Ecolab R&D Facilities Earn LEED-EB Gold Certification

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sep 03, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today that its corporate Research, Development and Engineering facilities on the company's Allan L. Schuman Campus in Eagan, Minn., have been awarded LEED-EB Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

"Ecolab has long been an industry leader in sustainability - every day we help our customers reduce waste, conserve water, save energy and improve safety through our concentrated, high-efficiency cleaning products and technology and our personalized service," said Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The LEED certification further demonstrates that our commitment to sustainable practices is not only for our customers but also in our own facilities."

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED^(R)) Green Building Rating System(TM) is the established certification system, providing third-party verification that a building was designed and built with energy savings, water efficiency, CO₂ emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources in mind, in order to reduce its environmental impact. The LEED-EB designation is awarded to "existing buildings" which have been retrofitted to meet LEED standards.

The certification process began in 2005 during reconstruction of the Schuman campus and includes:

- Use of efficient lighting fixtures, occupancy sensors and dual level switching to conserve energy
- A heat recovery system in the labs that captures heat and humidity exhaust to warm incoming air within the ventilation system
- Use of Low-VOC-emitting materials (paint, carpets, ceiling tiles, fabrics and carpet backers)
- Salvage and reuse of materials such as rubber flooring, new ceiling tiles, wall fabrics, glass tile, carpet backers, interior oak doors, aluminum windows, gypsum wallboard, acoustical ceiling panels and toilet partitions during reconstruction
- Expansion of the recycling program to significantly increase the amount of waste recycled

In addition, Ecolab sought to preserve the surrounding natural environment of the campus, which includes wooded stands of trees and prairie grass, during and after construction by engaging with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to develop a forestry and wildlife stewardship plan.

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED provides building owners and operators a concise framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

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.

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