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Ecolab Partners with Tennant Company to Launch New Scrub-N-Go(TM) Cordless Floor Scrubber for Quick Service Restaurants

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 23, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. today announced it has entered into an exclusive relationship with Minneapolis, Minn.-based Tennant Company to launch the new Scrub-N-Go(TM) Floor Scrubber Vac System for quick service restaurants.

Scrub-N-Go cleans floors up to 63 percent faster and more thoroughly than using a traditional mop-and-bucket. That's a huge labor savings for restaurant operators already struggling to hire and retain employees due to demographic shifts in the population and rising minimum wage laws. In addition, floors cleaned using Scrub-N-Go dry faster, which should greatly reduce the risk of slip-and-fall accidents. According to the National Restaurant Association, nearly three million employees and one million customers are injured in slip-and-fall accidents in restaurants each year, costing businesses an average of \$150,000 per incident.

"Ensuring customer and employee safety is an ongoing priority for restaurant operators because injuries due to slippery floors are both common and costly," said Martin Juhn, vice president and general manager of Ecolab's Quick Service business. "Our Scrub-N-Go Floor Scrubber, when combined with our on-site customer training and our innovative products, helps businesses save money and prevents those accidents by leaving floors cleaner and drier in less time than traditional mop-and-bucket cleaning. It's a great addition to our complete offering of premium cleaning and sanitizing products, services and training programs for quick service restaurants."

"With Ecolab's cleaning expertise within the restaurant industry, and Tennant's ability to design and manufacture high-quality floor maintenance equipment, this partnership has enabled us to address a real need in the industry - to clean floors quickly and safely," said Andy Eckert, vice president for North America at Tennant.

The Scrub-N-Go Scrubber Vac System is cordless, ergonomic, easy-to-operate and uses powerful Ecolab products to dissolve dirt and grease on hard surface tile flooring. The machine dispenses fresh Ecolab cleaning solution continually while its brushes remove embedded grime from floor tile and grout lines. The cleaning solution along with dissolved soil is then immediately vacuumed, preventing it from being re-deposited, and leaves the floor nearly dry.

Scrub-N-Go cleans in both directions, has a zero turn-radius for cleaning in tight areas and an adjustable handle to clean under tables and chairs. For more information about the Scrub-N-Go Floor Vac, call 1.800.529.5458.

About Ecolab

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.

About Tennant

Minneapolis-based Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC) is a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing solutions that help create a cleaner, safer world. Its products include equipment for maintaining surfaces in industrial, commercial and outdoor environments; and specialty surface coatings for protecting, repairing and upgrading concrete floors. Tennant's global field service network is the most extensive in the industry. Tennant has manufacturing operations in Minneapolis, Minn.; Holland, Mich.; Uden, The Netherlands; the United Kingdom; São Paulo, Brazil; and Shanghai, China; and sells products directly in 15 countries and through distributors in more than 80 countries. For more information, visit www.tennantco.com.

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