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### Ecolab Earns 2009 Tekne Green Company Award

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 26, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today that it has received the 2009 Tekne Green Company Award from the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA). The award honors businesses that practice environmental awareness/responsibility and incorporate sustainability into their overall business model.

"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 Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are also committed to sustainable practices in our own operations, and being recognized with the Tekne Green Company Award is terrific acknowledgement for practices that are integral to the way we do business."

In addition to helping its customers operate more sustainably, Ecolab has achieved significant reductions in both energy and water usage in its plants worldwide. The company has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent per dollar sales from 2006 to 2012 as part of the U.S. EPA Climate Leaders program, and has achieved LEED-EB Gold certification for its Research, Development and Engineering facilities in Eagan, Minn.

The Minnesota High Tech Association accelerates the growth, sustainability and global competitiveness of Minnesota's technology-based economy through public policy advocacy, member collaboration and education, and community outreach. Presented by the MHTA in partnership with LifeScience Alley and Enterprise Minnesota, the Tekne Awards annually recognize Minnesota's best and brightest technology users and developers in innovation, development, education, commercialization and management.

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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