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### **Ecolab to Donate More Than \$500,000 to Haiti Relief Efforts**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan 18, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today that it will contribute more than \$500,000 to Haiti relief efforts in the form of product donations and a special associate matching gift program by the Ecolab Foundation.

"Ecolab's cleaning and sanitizing products, including waterless hand sanitizers and surface sanitizers, are critical during disasters such as this," commented Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab's chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer. "The extraordinary impact of the earthquake's devastation is a reminder of our common humanity. Ecolab, along with our global associates, is pleased to be able to send our products and dollars to provide assistance to the people of Haiti."

Ecolab said it will contribute \$500,000 of cleaning and sanitation products to help meet needs in Haiti, including hand sanitizers and surface sanitizers. In addition to the product donation, the Ecolab Foundation has offered a global matching gift program, through which it will match all Ecolab associate contributions to the Red Cross up to \$1,000 per associate up to a total of \$25,000. As previously announced through internal company communications, Ecolab associates can make contributions to the Red Cross International Response Fund for relief efforts in Haiti.

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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