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### Ecolab Licenses Surgical Fluid Warming Technology from C Change Surgical

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan 25, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. today announced it has entered into an exclusive agreement with C Change Surgical LLC to license products that improve surgical outcomes by helping to maintain consistent body temperature of patients. The technology has wide application and can be used in the majority of traditional surgical procedures, as well as in minimally invasive and robotic procedures.

The agreement includes exclusive rights to a portfolio of patents related to surgical fluid warming technology. Using these patented technologies, Ecolab's Healthcare business will develop and market surgical fluid warming products for the healthcare market.

"Maintaining a consistent patient body temperature is critical to improving surgical outcomes," said Paul B. Chaffin, vice president for Ecolab Healthcare North America. "This technology, which accurately manages the temperature of sterile surgical fluid, will enhance our patient warming product offerings and help physicians improve patient care."

"Our fluid warming technology improves patient care in the operating room," said Patrick Kammer, president and CEO for C Change Surgical LLC. "We are excited to work with Ecolab Healthcare to bring these products to market."

#### 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](http://www.ecolab.com).

#### About C Change Surgical LLC

C Change Surgical is a privately held, investor built company located in Winston-Salem, NC, with proven success in designing, patenting and commercializing innovative medical technologies that enhance patient safety and improve surgical efficiency. C Change is developing additional products that make safe surgery easier and less costly. More news and information is available at [www.cchangesurgical.com](http://www.cchangesurgical.com).

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