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### Ecolab to Webcast Annual Meeting on May 6th

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 03, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab will host a live webcast of its annual meeting of stockholders to be held in St. Paul, MN. Details for the webcast are as follows:

<b>TIME:</b>	11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, May 6, 2010
<b>DURATION:</b>	Approximately 30 minutes
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<a href="http://www.ecolab.com/investor">http://www.ecolab.com/investor</a>
<b>ARCHIVE:</b>	A replay of the webcast will be available at that site through May 14, 2010.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of Ecolab's web site at [www.ecolab.com/investor](http://www.ecolab.com/investor) and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access, a soundcard and the Windows Media, Real Player or other compatible streaming media player.

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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