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Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for May 19th

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 12, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc.'s Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Douglas M. Baker, Jr., will address financial analysts at Robert W. Baird & Co.'s 2010 Growth Stock Conference in Chicago, IL on Wednesday, May 19th. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Baker's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

TIME: 9:55 a.m. Eastern Time
DATE: Wednesday, May 19, 2010
DURATION: Approximately 30 minutes
LOCATION: <http://www.ecolab.com/investor>
ARCHIVE: A replay of the webcast will be available through March 28, 2010.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of Ecolab's web site at www.ecolab.com/investor and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access, a soundcard and the Windows Media 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.

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