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### Ecolab Receives Best Corporate Citizen Award for Driving Sustainability in China

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug 19, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today that it received the "Best Corporate Citizen for Driving Sustainability in China 2009-2010" award at the first China Sustainability Leaders Symposium held in Beijing, China. The award and event were organized by the *Economic Observer*, a weekly Chinese newspaper. Ecolab was one of 21 global companies selected to receive the top sustainability award through a comprehensive selection process that included public on-line voting and expert committee assessments.

"Sustainability is core to Ecolab's vision to make the world a cleaner, safer, healthier place, and is a cornerstone of how we do business," commented Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "As the world's leading provider of cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection prevention solutions, as well as a company with a strong commitment to sustainability, Ecolab is focused on not only improving internal operations but also on working with our customers to help them conserve resources and operate their businesses more efficiently. We have made substantial investments in research and development to deliver innovative solutions that minimize our customers' water and energy use, increase safety and reduce waste, and at the same time deliver superior cleaning results."

Baker continued, saying "We are particularly proud to receive this recognition in China, home to one of our fastest growing businesses and a major market for our future. Congratulations to our China team for their success."

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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