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Ecolab's ProTec System Earns 2010 German Packaging Award

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct 12, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. today announced that its newly launched ProTec storage system recently won the 2010 German Packaging Award in the transport category. The award, sponsored by the German Packaging Institute, was announced on September 27 at FachPack, a trade fair for packaging solutions in Nuremberg, Germany. This year's award placed special emphasis on sustainability and efficiency factors in which ProTec excelled.

ProTec is a sustainable and efficient transport and storage container for liquid detergents. It includes a 200-litre drum with an integrated drip tray; if the drum inside leaks, the patent-pending ProTec container collects the spilled liquid.

As a 100 percent closed system, ProTec helps eliminate human exposure to spilled liquids. Integrated suction lances further reduce exposure to chemicals and machinery, and complete drum changes can take as little as thirty seconds. Finally, empty drums are cleaned and re-used by Ecolab, further reducing the company's carbon footprint by reducing the need to purchase further plastics to create new drums.

ProTec is suitable for various applications including warewashing and in building cleaning environments such as canteens, hospitals, airports, supermarkets and offices. It will be widely available to Ecolab's European customers in the spring of 2011.

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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