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## PRESS RELEASES

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### Ecolab Closes on Purchase of Cleantec

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. announced today that it has closed on its previously announced purchase of the assets of the Cleantec business of Campbell Brothers Ltd., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (ASX-CPB). Cleantec is a developer, manufacturer and marketer of cleaning and hygiene products principally within the Australian food and beverage processing, food service, hospitality and textile care markets. Sales of the business are approximately US\$55 million. No other details were announced.

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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