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Ecolab Awarded "2010 Best Enterprise in Delivering Corporate Social Responsibility in China"

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. announced it was named a "Best Enterprise in Delivering Corporate Social Responsibility in China in 2010" at the China Business News' 2010 China Corporate Social Responsibility award ceremony held on December 8, 2010 in Shanghai, China. Ecolab was among 23 leading companies to receive the corporate social responsibility best practice award. Winners were selected through a comprehensive 6-month evaluation process, including surveys, interviews and expert committee assessments. The expert committee was composed of leading China economics research institutions, business media, government officials and an independent global certification foundation.

"Corporate social responsibility 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 global leader in our field, we are committed to utilizing the most efficient and sustainable approaches in our own operations and in the products and services we provide to our customers. We have made substantial investments in research and development to deliver innovative solutions that minimize our customers' water and energy use, increase employee safety and reduce waste, all while delivering superior cleaning, food safety and infection prevention 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.

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