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Ecolab Awarded "Best Enterprise in Leading Sustainability Efforts in China"

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. announced that it was named "The Best Enterprise in Leading Sustainability Efforts in China" at the 2010 China Economic Summit Forum and the Outstanding Contribution Award Ceremony at Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, on January 15, 2011.

The forum and the award ceremony were organized by China Economic Information Journal, part of the China Economic Daily News media group. Winners were nominated by government authorities, economists and journalists, and were selected through a comprehensive evaluation process, including surveys, interviews and expert committee assessments. Ecolab was among 7 companies to receive the sustainability award.

In prepared remarks entitled "Sustainability -- A Critical Part of Corporate Social Responsibilities" and delivered at the ceremony, Sam Hsu, Ecolab Senior Vice President and General Manager of Greater China, said, "Sustainability is an important and continuing market trend. Corporations must take sustainability seriously to not only deliver on their corporate social responsibilities but also to proactively create shared value that enhances the competitiveness of a company while simultaneously advancing the economic and social value to the communities in which the company operates."

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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