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### Ecolab Introduces Disposable Helmet System for Use During Surgical Procedures

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. today introduced the new Stackhouse<sup>®</sup> Disposable Helmet System, a unique, fully disposable product that offers a clean, sterile helmet for medical staff performing surgical procedures.

Invented by an orthopedic surgeon, the disposable helmet system is made with a breathable viral barrier tri-laminate material. It offers effective barrier protection and eliminates the cleaning and equipment maintenance associated with reusable helmet systems.

"Surgeons and staff need barrier protection that is comfortable, breathable and easy-to-wear," said Paul Chaffin, Healthcare vice president and general manager for Ecolab Healthcare North America. "The Stackhouse Disposable Helmet System allows surgeons and staff to focus on the task at hand, while helping to protect their health and safety."

Surgical helmets are primarily used during orthopedic procedures to help protect the surgical team from fluids and debris. In addition, helmets are used in open surgical procedures during which airborne contaminants and potential infections for health care associates are a significant concern.

The new disposable helmet keeps surgical team members cool during long procedures via breathable garment material and helmet air circulation. The lightweight helmet includes a fan and four-hour battery pack for routine and extended procedures. Additionally, the helmet offers a superior field of vision via oversized lens and greater freedom of head movement by eliminating a chin bar, which is a common design in reusable helmets.

The new Stackhouse Disposable Helmet System further expands Ecolab's portfolio of infection prevention solutions for the operating room. Learn more at [www.ecolab.com/healthcare](http://www.ecolab.com/healthcare).

#### About Ecolab

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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