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Ecolab's ProTec Transport and Storage System Earns Two Major Awards

ZURICH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab's ProTec transport and storage system for liquid detergents has received two industry awards for sustainability and innovation. ProTec earned the Global Packaging Award for its sustainable design from The WorldStar Packaging Organization and an innovation award from the Europropre conference in Paris, France.

"Earning both the Global Packaging Award and Europropre's innovation trophy are truly momentous achievements for Ecolab. We are honored to have our commitment to developing sustainable and innovative solutions for our customers recognized by these prestigious organizations," said Thomas W. Schnack, executive vice president and general manager, Institutional Division, EMEA.

ProTec received the Global Packaging Award from The WorldStar Packaging Organization at a special ceremony during the INTERPACK 2011 conference in Duesseldorf, Germany. This is the first global award for an Ecolab storage system.

The WorldStar Packaging Awards recognize state-of-the-art packaging and create a living standard of international packaging excellence from which others may learn. The WorldStar Awards are presented only to those packages which, having already won recognition in a national competition, are compared by an expert panel of judges to similar packages from around the world. Ecolab was one of 26 global companies selected to receive the award through a comprehensive selection process that included expert committee assessments on best-in-class packaging execution and innovation.

ProTec also received an innovation award this past April at the Europropre conference in Paris, a major conference for the industrial cleaning business in France. This year's award placed special emphasis on sustainability and worker safety, areas in which ProTec excelled.

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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