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Ecolab Donates \$190,000 to Saint Paul Public School Teachers

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. has awarded \$190,000 in 2011 through its Ecolab Foundation's *Visions for Learning* grant, with grants going to 116 different primary and secondary classrooms in the district. These grants are part of Ecolab's 25 year history of supporting Saint Paul Public Schools,

"Ecolab has consistently supported education through multiple programs to better reach and benefit students," said Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Our largest program, the *Visions for Learning* grant program, provides additional classroom materials to help students in grades K-12 reach their learning goals. By providing teachers with additional classroom materials that they otherwise might purchase with personal funds, we're able to enhance experience and achievement for both teachers and students."

Valeria Silva, Superintendent of Saint Paul Public Schools said, "Ecolab's longstanding partnership with the Saint Paul Public Schools is a testament to the company's commitment to supporting excellence in education. Ecolab sets an example of strong corporate involvement by contributing time, talent and resources to our community and our students."

Ecolab has distributed \$8.7 million nationally through its *Visions for Learning* program. The *Visions for Learning* grants are given to kindergarten through 12th grade teachers to support and engage students, helping them to achieve at-grade level in basic skills and enrich the classroom experience. Projects funded this year include handheld digital microscopes for interactive scientific investigations, chemistry lab kits, social studies texts, a classroom set of percussion instruments to enhance student hands-on musical experience and independent reading books focused on diverse cultures and communities.

The Ecolab Foundation contributes to the quality of life in the communities where it operates, supporting organizations and programs that strengthen and enrich the community, focusing on youth and education, civic and community development, arts and culture, and the environment and conservation. The Ecolab Foundation will contribute more than \$5 million in 2011 to communities where Ecolab associates live and work.

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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