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Ecolab to Relocate German Offices to New High-Tech Innovation Center in Monheim am Rhein

Facility will feature world-class customer innovation center

WALLISELLEN, Switz.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab today announced plans to relocate its German offices and research center in Düsseldorf to a new innovation hub in the city of Monheim am Rhein, 10 kilometers south of Düsseldorf. The new location, Im Weidental, will house Ecolab's European RD&E facility as well as its local sales and marketing functions.

The Monheim am Rhein facility will feature a customer innovation center, where Ecolab's innovative program and service solutions will be featured. Ecolab expects to begin relocating employees in November 2012 and finish in the first quarter of 2013.

"As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our business in Germany, it is an ideal time to announce our plans to move to an efficient new Innovation Center in Monheim am Rhein," said Phil Mason, president Europe, Middle East, Africa. "We chose the Monheim am Rhein location for its technical capabilities and for the additional space the facility will provide, which will enable us to co-locate key functions. This will help Ecolab promote further collaboration among our innovation teams and with customers to develop high-performing and sustainable solutions."

With 2011 annualized sales of \$11 billion and more than 38,000 employees, Ecolab Inc. (NYSE: ECL) is the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services that provide and protect clean water, safe food, abundant energy and healthy environments. Ecolab delivers comprehensive programs and services to the food, energy, healthcare, industrial and hospitality markets in more than 160 countries. More Ecolab news and information are available at www.ecolab.com.

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