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### **Ecolab China Again Named Outstanding Enterprise for Corporate Social Responsibility by China Business News**

ST. PAUL, Minn. & GUANGZHOU, China--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. was named an Outstanding Enterprise in Delivering Corporate Social Responsibility for the second consecutive year by China Business News (CBN), China's premier business media group. At the CBN 2011 China Corporate Social Responsibility Award ceremony today in Guangzhou, China, Ecolab was presented with the Top 20 Outstanding Enterprise Award for the company's contributions in driving social responsibility to all stakeholders in China.

"As the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services, corporate social responsibility is a core value within our vision to make the world cleaner, safer and healthier," said Sam Hsu, Ecolab senior vice president and general manager of Greater China. "We continue to expand our presence in China, and as we're doing so, we're helping to advance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the communities in which we operate."

The 2011 CBN Corporate Social Responsibility Award program was judged by a panel of experts from research institutes, third-party certification agencies and the business community in China. The panel reviewed 280 leading companies operating in China to determine the enterprises that have best demonstrated integrity and high ethical standards through their corporate social responsibility practices.

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 is available at [www.ecolab.com](http://www.ecolab.com).

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