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### Ecolab Schedules Webcast and Conference Call on May 1st

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab will host a live webcast of its first quarter earnings conference call. A news release containing first quarter results and future earnings guidance is expected to be issued before the market opens on May 1, 2012.

Details for the public webcast are as follows:

<b>TIME:</b>	1:00 pm Eastern Time
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday, May 1, 2012
<b>DURATION:</b>	One hour
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<a href="http://www.ecolab.com/investor">http://www.ecolab.com/investor</a>
<b>ARCHIVE:</b>	A replay of the webcast and supplemental data will be available on Ecolab's web site.

To access the webcast, go to the Investor Information portion of the Company's Web site at [www.ecolab.com/investor](http://www.ecolab.com/investor) and click on the webcast icon. Listening to the webcast requires Internet access and the Windows Media Player or other compatible streaming media player.

With 2011 pro forma sales of \$11 billion and more than 40,000 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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