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Ecolab Declares Regular Dividend

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Board of Directors of Ecolab Inc. declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share, to be paid July 16, 2012 to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 19, 2012.

Ecolab has paid cash dividends on its common stock for 75 consecutive years.

About Ecolab

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. For more news and information, visit www.ecolab.com.

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