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Ecolab to Introduce PartsXpressSM Online at 2012 NRA Show

e-commerce solution provides customers with parts, manuals and diagrams specific to their commercial kitchen equipment

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. (NYSE:ECL) will launch *PartsXpress*SM Online for the commercial kitchen equipment industry at the 2012 National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show, May 5-8, in Chicago. *PartsXpress* Online is an enterprise-level e-commerce solution designed for customers who order kitchen equipment replacement parts. Through *PartsXpress* Online, customers will have access to more than 40,000 stocked parts representing the industry's top 400 equipment brands.

The *PartsXpress* website is built on an industry-leading enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, ensuring customers have a secure and convenient shopping experience. With a few simple clicks, customers can search *PartsXpress* Online for parts, manuals and diagrams specific to their kitchen equipment. With a combined robust knowledge management system and nationwide Ecolab Parts Specialist team, *PartsXpress* Online customers can order 24/7/365 and have their order shipped the same day, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time.

"We are committed to developing innovative solutions that help keep our customers' kitchen equipment operating properly while reducing costs," said Gaetan Lambiase, vice president and general manager, Ecolab Equipment Care. "Our *PartsXpress* Online solution, which is built on advanced IT technologies, deep industry knowledge and our automated supply chain, enables us to quickly and efficiently get customers the right parts, when they are needed most."

For more information on *PartsXpress*, please visit Ecolab Equipment Care, booth 4000, at the 2012 NRA Show.

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 Ecolab news and information, visit www.ecolab.com.

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