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### Ecolab Schedules Webcast of Industry Conference for May 16th

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc.'s Executive Vice President and President Global Integration, Christophe Beck, will address financial analysts at the Oppenheimer 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Industrials Conference in New York, NY on Wednesday, May 16. Ecolab will host a live webcast of Mr. Beck's presentation. Details for the webcast are as follows:

<b>TIME:</b>	1:20 pm Eastern Time
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, May 16, 2012
<b>DURATION:</b>	Approximately 30 minutes
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<a href="http://www.ecolab.com/investor">http://www.ecolab.com/investor</a>
<b>ARCHIVE:</b>	A replay of the webcast will be available through May 25, 2012.

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

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