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Ecolab Completes Bond Financing

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. announced today it has completed its public offering of \$500 million of 1.000% senior notes due 2015. Ecolab expects to use the net proceeds from the offering to repay a portion of its outstanding commercial paper borrowings and for general corporate purposes.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any of the notes or any other security.

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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