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Ecolab Named to Dow Jones Sustainability World Index

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. has been named to the Dow Jones Sustainability (DJSI) World Index, a list of the world's leading sustainability companies, and to the DJSI North America Index. The DJSI World Index captures the top 10 percent of the world's 2,500 largest companies based on economic, environmental and social criteria. The North America Index captures the top 20 percent of the 600 largest companies in the United States and Canada.

"We are pleased to see this recognition of our continuing efforts to make the world cleaner, safer and healthier while protecting people and vital resources," said Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab chairman and CEO. "By partnering with our customers at more than one million locations worldwide, we have an impact far beyond our own operations."

Details of Ecolab's sustainability initiatives with customers and within its own operations can be found in the company's 2011 Sustainability Report at www.ecolab.com/csr.

Launched in 1999, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes track the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. The indexes provide asset managers with reliable and objective benchmarks to manage sustainability portfolios.

The annual DJSI World index is based on a thorough analysis of corporate economic, environmental and social performance, assessing issues such as corporate governance, risk management, branding, climate change mitigation, supply chain standards and labor practices. There are 340 companies listed in the 2012-13 World Index. Ecolab was one of 41 companies added to the index this year. More information on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes is available at <http://www.sustainability-index.com>.

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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