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Nalco Champion, an Ecolab Company, to Construct New Headquarters in Sugar Land, Texas

Campus to house Houston-based teams, renovated research, development and engineering labs

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Nalco Champion, an Ecolab company, plans to construct a new headquarters building in Sugar Land, Texas, to house its Houston-area energy services operations.

The 133,000-square-foot building, scheduled for completion in late 2015, will provide modern workspaces and training facilities to accommodate approximately 1,000 Nalco Champion employees. It will be located adjacent to the company's current Sugar Land operations at 7705 Highway 90-A. Employees currently working at the Nalco Champion sites in Houston and Fresno, Texas, will relocate to the new headquarters building.

The project also will include renovation of Nalco Champion's existing 45,000-square-foot Sugar Land office building to expand research, development and engineering (RD&E) lab facilities. The company's RD&E team in Fresno will join the Sugar Land RD&E team in the new lab space.

"This project will help us bring together our people as one team, creating a critical mass of industry knowledge and a research and development powerhouse to better serve our customers," said Steve Taylor, Ecolab executive vice president and president, Nalco Champion. "The new headquarters building and related renovation also reaffirms our continued commitment to the City of Sugar Land, where our company has long held a corporate presence."

About Nalco Champion

Nalco Champion is a leading provider of specialty value-added chemical solutions and technologies that enhance productivity, decrease operating costs and conserve natural resources for upstream and downstream oil and gas companies. An innovator of new methods to reduce water and energy use, Nalco Champion has 6,700 employees and operations in more than 160 countries.

About Ecolab

A trusted partner at more than one million customer locations, Ecolab (ECL) is the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services that protect people and vital resources. With 2012 sales of \$12 billion and 44,000 associates, Ecolab delivers comprehensive solutions and on-site service to promote safe food, maintain clean environments, optimize water and energy use and improve operational efficiencies for customers in the food, healthcare, energy, hospitality and industrial markets in more than 170 countries around the world.

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A high-resolution architectural rendering of the planned Sugar Land headquarters building is available on request.

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