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Ecolab Expands Pest Elimination Business into Germany

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. today announced that it has acquired AK Kraus & Hiller Schädlingbekämpfung, one of Germany's leading commercial pest elimination service providers. Annual sales are approximately \$4 million.

"This transaction expands our footprint in Europe and further positions us as a global leader in commercial pest elimination services, an important component of our commitment to help protect our customers' operations," commented Bobby Mendez, Ecolab executive vice president and president, Global Services and Specialty. "We welcome our new associates and customers to Ecolab, and look forward to growing with them as we work to make the world cleaner, safer and healthier."

No further details were disclosed.

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 2013 sales of \$13 billion and 45,000 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. For more Ecolab news and information, visit www.ecolab.com.

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