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Ecolab Receives 2014 Climate Leadership Award from EPA

Ecolab recognized for 22 percent reduction in greenhouse gas intensity

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc., the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services, has received a 2014 Climate Leadership Award for excellence in greenhouse gas management. The award, co-sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recognizes Ecolab for publicly reporting and verifying corporate greenhouse gas inventories and achieving aggressive greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

"We are serious about the efficiency of our internal operations from both an environmental and an operational perspective. We set meaningful reduction goals, measure progress and are transparent in our reporting," said Emilio Tenuta, Ecolab vice president, Corporate Sustainability. "The Climate Leadership Award recognizes our commitment to minimizing our environmental impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout our operations."

The EPA Center for Corporate Climate Leadership co-sponsors the Climate Leadership Awards with three partners: Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO), Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), and The Climate Registry (TCR). The national awards program recognizes and encourages exemplary corporate, organizational and individual leadership in response to climate change.

"Ecolab has made great strides in reducing greenhouse gas emissions," said Janet McCabe, acting assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "Their commitment to reducing carbon pollution demonstrates that efforts to address climate change are repaid by saving money and energy, while supporting more livable and resilient communities, and a healthier, better protected environment."

"The Climate Registry joins EPA and our partners in congratulating Ecolab for achieving a 2014 Climate Leadership Award," said David Rosenheim, executive director of The Registry. "Ecolab's results-oriented commitment to mitigating climate change demonstrates the value of measuring and reducing carbon and paves the way to a more sustainable future."

This award recognizes Ecolab for achieving an absolute global greenhouse gas emissions reduction of more than 12.5 percent (22.4 percent intensity reduction). Ecolab achieved these emission reductions through the procurement of more efficient vehicles; installation of building automation system technology, including device and network controllers, damper motors and heating valves; and the application of its customer-oriented "Create & Maintain Value" program to Ecolab owned and operated facilities.

"While we are proud of our progress, we strive for continual improvement of our internal footprint," said Tenuta. "In 2013, we set new corporate environmental reduction targets for energy, emissions, water, waste and wastewater. Using 2012 metrics as an operational baseline, we have set a goal to achieve a five percent reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, a 10 percent reduction in water use and wastewater discharge, and a 10 percent reduction in solid waste, measured by intensity per million dollars in sales over the course of five years."

For more information on the Climate Leadership Awards, visit www.epa.gov/climateleadership/awards.

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 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.

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About the Sponsoring Organizations

U.S. EPA's Center for Corporate Climate Leadership

EPA's Climate Protection Partnerships Division is committed to reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) through cost-effective partnerships to advance clean energy and energy efficiency across the U.S. economy. As part of this commitment, EPA's Center for Corporate Climate Leadership was launched in 2012 to establish norms of corporate climate leadership by encouraging companies just starting out to identify and achieve cost-effective GHG emission reductions, while helping more advanced companies drive innovations in reducing their greenhouse gas impacts in their supply chains and beyond.

The Center serves as a resource center, providing ground-tested guidance and tools, educational resources, and opportunities for information sharing and a platform for peer exchange, to help all organizations in GHG management. The Center also recognizes exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual leadership in addressing climate change by co-sponsoring The Climate Leadership Awards and serves as the Climate Leadership Conference headline sponsor.

The Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization that defines, develops and supports the functions, resources and communities necessary for effective organizational leadership in addressing climate-related risks and opportunities. An industry leader in producing education and training events for climate change and sustainability professionals, ACCO's members include a broad range of organizations and executives in industry, government, academia, and non-profit organizations worldwide.

The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) is an independent non-profit, non-partisan organization promoting strong policy and action to address the twin challenges of energy and climate change. Launched in November 2011, C2ES is the successor to the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, long recognized in the United States and abroad as an influential and pragmatic voice on climate issues. C2ES is a 501(c)(3) organization led by Eileen Claussen, who previously led the Pew Center and is a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

The Climate Registry (TCR) provides organizations with hands-on, personalized service and resources to help them measure, verify, report, and manage their GHG emissions in a publicly transparent and credible way. The Registry was established in 2007 as a 501(c)(3) by U.S. states and Canadian provinces to serve as participating jurisdictions' voluntary GHG registry, and today is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of senior officials from 59 North American states, provinces, and territories. A community of more than 350 member organizations uses The Registry's services to measure and manage their emissions, as well as share policy information and best practices in carbon management.

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