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Ecolab Recognized as EPA Safer Choice Program Partner of the Year

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc., the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services, has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a 2016 Safer Choice Partner of the Year within the Innovators category. Ecolab was recognized for its leading role in developing innovative institutional and industrial products over the past 20 years, including a disinfectant system for use in hospitals and the Water Risk Monetizer tool, as well as improving product review processes.

"We are honored to be recognized by the EPA as a valued Safer Choice partner," said Steve Christenson, vice president, Global Regulatory Affairs. "We are committed to innovation that provides health, safety and environmental benefits for our customers, and ultimately, their customers."

The EPA's Safer Choice Partner of the Year awards recognize organizations that advance chemical safety through participation in or promotion of Safer Choice, EPA's program to help consumers and businesses find products that perform well and are safer for human health and the environment. Award winners demonstrate leadership in furthering safer chemistry and products.

Ecolab's innovative disinfectant system includes a closed-loop dispensing system that reduces packaging waste and simplifies on-site dilution for users in healthcare settings. The active ingredients in [OxyCide™ Daily Disinfectant Cleaner](#) use solution break down into water and vinegar after use.

Developed by Ecolab and Trucost, the [Water Risk Monetizer](#) is a publicly available online tool that provides actionable information to help businesses around the world understand the impact of water scarcity to their business and quantify those risks in financial terms. The Water Risk Monetizer helps inform smarter decisions about water while enabling more sustainable growth.

Ecolab also supported Safer Choice goals for a leading global retailer by participating in a Safer Choice pilot project for the company's branded products. Ecolab used Lean Six Sigma methods to map the Safer Choice process and proposed improvements to retain the rigor and reduce waste and review time to become Safer Choice-approved.

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 2015 sales of \$13.5 billion and 47,000 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 Safer Choice Program

The Safer Choice Program, formerly known as the Design for the Environment (DfE) Safer Product Labeling Program, was developed in 1997 and draws upon chemical and environmental expertise from across EPA. Safer Choice uses EPA's technical tools and expertise to evaluate the environmental and human health impacts of every chemical ingredient in a product, allowing only the safest ingredients in labeled products. As a voluntary partnership program, Safer Choice brings all interested parties together to advance sustainability in chemical products. More than 2,000 products currently qualify to carry the Safer Choice label.

For more information about the Safer Choice Program, visit www.epa.gov/saferchoice.

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