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Ecolab Acquires Abednego Environmental Services to Further Strengthen Auto Segment Water Solutions Offerings

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc., the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services, has acquired Abednego Environmental Services. Abednego is a privately held company with approximately \$40 million in annual revenues that provides chemistry, know-how and service solutions to help automotive customers achieve superior outcomes in their paint operations.

"Abednego further broadens the suite of products and services Ecolab provides to automobile manufacturers to re-cycle water, reduce energy usage and reduce waste. In particular, it provides a great complement to our strong base of existing offerings led by our industry-leading APEX paint detackification technology," said Michael Johannsen, Nalco Water senior vice president responsible for the manufacturing segment of Ecolab's water business.

"Ecolab is dedicated to helping customers achieve better operational performance more cost effectively while using water more efficiently and sustainably. We are delighted to have the Abednego team join us so we can better deliver this commitment in the automotive industry," said Ecolab Chairman and CEO Douglas M. Baker, Jr.

Abednego's key offerings include total paint booth management, engineering services and post treatment operations. Abednego currently operates and manages systems in automotive plants throughout the U.S. Abednego will become part of Ecolab's Nalco Water business operations.

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 services 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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