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### Ecolab Donating Iconic Sculpture "Above, Above" to Public Art Saint Paul for Placement in Western Sculpture Park

*Alexander Liberman sculpture has been centerpiece of Osborn Plaza at Ecolab's Corporate Center for nearly 45 years*

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. has reached an agreement with Public Art Saint Paul, a nonprofit that engages artists in shaping the form and experience of public spaces in the city, to donate "Above, Above," the iconic Alexander Liberman sculpture that has been the centerpiece of the outdoor Osborn Plaza at the former Ecolab Corporate Center in downtown Saint Paul for nearly 45 years. Public Art Saint Paul and McGough Construction will move the sculpture to Western Sculpture Park at 387 Marion Street in Saint Paul.

"We are pleased to work with Public Art Saint Paul to move the sculpture to a more public space for all to enjoy," said Kris Taylor, Ecolab vice president of Community Relations. "We thank Public Art Saint Paul for their partnership and McGough for their willingness to donate time and resources to relocate the sculpture."

"Above, Above" and the Osborn Plaza, the rooftop of the three-story building adjoining the 22-story Ecolab Corporate Center, were dedicated on Oct. 2, 1972. Ecolab is in the process of relocating to its new global headquarters in downtown Saint Paul, and in April, reached an agreement to sell the Ecolab Corporate Center at 370 Wabasha Street to a development team led by PAK Properties.

"We're thrilled to accept this generous gift from Ecolab of a major work by Alexander Liberman," said Colleen Sheehy, president and executive director of Public Art Saint Paul. "Liberman is an important 20<sup>th</sup>-century artist whose works are in many modern art museum collections and sculpture parks."

Artist Alexander Liberman was born in 1912 in Kiev, Russia, and was considered a revolutionary minimalist artist. He produced works predating the movement by more than a decade. His fascination with American industrialization and modernization resulted in his widely known red steel sculptures and geometric paintings. His sculpture and paintings are included in numerous museum collections, including the Art Institute, Chicago; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; and the Tate Gallery, London. In addition, his public sculpture can be seen in more than 40 cities around the world. Liberman died in November of 1999 at the age of 87.

"We are fortunate to have strong relationships with both Ecolab and the City of Saint Paul," said John Pfeifer, McGough executive vice president of construction services. "We saw a unique opportunity to honor both of these relationships by teaming up with Ecolab to preserve Saint Paul's art resources and enhance its park system."

"Above, Above" will join 16 other sculptures by local, national and international artists at Western Sculpture Park, a city park where Public Art Saint Paul has maintained a sculpture exhibition and offered youth programs in collaboration with the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department for nearly 20 years.

A dedication ceremony for "Above, Above" is planned for Noon on Tuesday, July 25 at Western Sculpture Park.

#### About Public Art Saint Paul

Now celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Public Art Saint Paul is a private nonprofit that engages artists in shaping the form and experience of the public realm and civic life in Minnesota's capital city. Our mission is to place artists in leading roles to shape public spaces, improve city systems, and deepen civic engagement. We work in partnership with the City of Saint Paul on many programs and projects, including City Artists, Western Sculpture Park, our public sculpture stewardship program, and more. To learn more, visit [publicartstpaul.org](http://publicartstpaul.org).

#### About McGough

McGough is a premier commercial construction and full-service real estate firm headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., with branch offices in St. Cloud, Duluth and Rochester, Minnesota; Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa; Fargo, North Dakota; and Phoenix, Arizona. To learn more about McGough, visit [www.mcgough.com](http://www.mcgough.com).

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