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### Ecolab Manufacturing Facilities in California Receive Alliance for Water Stewardship Certification

*Carson and City of Industry plants achieve benchmark for responsible water management*

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc., the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services, has achieved Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) certification at its two manufacturing facilities in California, in Carson and City of Industry. The [AWS International Water Stewardship Standard](#) (AWS Standard) is a leading global standard for responsible water management.

"To be a responsible business, we believe you need to seek growth while minimizing your impact on the environment," said Emilio Tenuta, Ecolab vice president of Corporate Sustainability. "Every day, we are committed to growing our business while advancing sound principles of water stewardship, both within our operations and through our ongoing work at customer sites throughout the world."

The AWS Standard is a framework designed to promote sustainable freshwater use. The free, globally consistent and locally adaptable standard outlines a set of water stewardship criteria and indicators for how water should be stewarded at a site and within a watershed that is environmentally, socially and economically beneficial.

Ecolab is a founding partner of the AWS. In 2015, the company's manufacturing plant in Taicang, China, which is located in a water-sensitive area in the Taihu basin of the Yangtze region, was the first site in the world to receive AWS Standard certification.

"We strategically evaluated our manufacturing footprint and are implementing the AWS Standard at sites with high water scarcity, quality or regulatory risks," added Alex Blanco, Ecolab executive vice president and chief supply chain officer. "Achieving certification at our two manufacturing facilities in water-stressed California was a priority."

Ecolab's facilities in Carson and City of Industry produce chemistries to help ensure clean water, safe food, healthy environments and abundant energy, and improve operational and sustainability outcomes for companies in a wide range of industries.

"Ecolab continues to be an industry leader in water stewardship. AWS certification at these two sites demonstrates that companies create competitive advantages through superior water stewardship performance," said Matt Howard, North American director for AWS. "We cannot take our freshwater resources for granted. That's why AWS, its members and partners encourage North American companies to embrace the International Water Stewardship Standard."

Ecolab is one of nearly 100 leading organizations from across sectors that are advancing the efforts of AWS to protect the world's limited freshwater resources by helping water users identify and mitigate water risks and their operational impact on water resources.

#### About Ecolab

A trusted partner at nearly three million customer locations, Ecolab (ECL) is the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services that protect people and vital resources. With annual sales of \$14 billion and 48,000 associates, Ecolab delivers comprehensive solutions, data-driven insights 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 Alliance for Water Stewardship

AWS is a global membership-based collaboration that unites organizations behind its mission: To lead a global network that promotes responsible use of freshwater that is socially and economically beneficial and environmentally sustainable. AWS achieves this through a global water stewardship system, centered on the International Water Stewardship Standard (the AWS Standard), that drives, recognizes, and rewards good water stewardship performance. The AWS vision is that water users and managers are responsible water stewards, who protect and enhance freshwater resources for people and nature. The AWS Standard provides a globally-applicable framework for major water users to understand their water use and impact, and to work collaboratively and transparently for sustainable management within water catchment areas.

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