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# Ecolab Ahead of Pace to Save Enough Water for 1 Billion People

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2018 sustainability report highlights how the company is helping businesses accelerate meaningful change

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc., the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies, has released its 2018 corporate sustainability report, Accelerating Meaningful Change, which highlights its work with leading companies throughout the world to reduce environmental impact and drive cost savings. The 2018 publication is Ecolab's 12<sup>th</sup> annual corporate sustainability report.

"Whether it's saving water or reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions, there's a growing realization that these priorities go hand-in-hand with business growth and profitability," said Ecolab Chairman and CEO Douglas M. Baker, Jr. "By the nature of our work, we help companies achieve their operational and sustainability goals."

In 2018, Ecolab helped companies at nearly three million locations around the world:

- Conserve more than 188 billion gallons of water, equivalent to the annual drinking needs of 650 million people. Ecolab is ahead of schedule toward reaching its 2030 goal of saving 300 billion gallons of water, equal to the needs of one billion people.
- Save 19 trillion British thermal units (BTUs) of energy
- Avoid 2.4 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions
- Eliminate 54 million pounds of waste

Case studies included in Ecolab's 2018 corporate sustainability report include:

- Developing a sustainable process to drive water management improvements across the global operations of



Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), one of the world's largest food and agriculture companies. Using 3D TRASAR™ Cooling Water Technology, ADM achieved water savings of 2.3 billion gallons annually.

- Minimizing the risk of Legionella bacteria in the water systems of SAP, a leader in the software industry and in water safety management practices, and helping to avoid approximately \$8 million in potential revenue loss per year.
- Reducing corrosion and foaming issues within the operations of Energias do Brasil (EDP), one of Brazil's largest electric utility companies, using Ecolab's Purate™ Technology to help save 316 million gallons of water per year and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 18.9 million pounds annually.

Within its own operations, Ecolab is working to reduce water withdrawals by 25% and greenhouse gas emissions by 10% by 2020.

Through its work with customers and within its own facilities, and through a number of dedicated projects in communities around the world, Ecolab supports the U.N.'s sustainable development goal six, promoting clean water and sanitation. By 2030, Ecolab aims to conserve 300 billion gallons of water per year by reducing consumption in its own operations and those of its customers. This would be equivalent to the annual drinking water needs of more than 1 billion people.

Ecolab's 2018 Corporate Sustainability Report was developed in alignment with the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI) G4 core guidelines. The report summary and complete GRI Index are available at [www.Ecolab.com/Sustainability](http://www.Ecolab.com/Sustainability).

## 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 \$15 billion and 49,000 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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