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## Ecolab to Receive World Environment Center's 2018 Gold Medal Award for Corporate Sustainability



**Washington D.C. May 15, 2018** - The World Environment Center (WEC) is pleased to announce that Ecolab will receive the Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development during the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Gold Medal Presentation Ceremony in Washington, D.C., on May 17. Doug Baker, chairman and CEO of Ecolab, will accept the award on behalf of the company.

“Sustainability is core to our purpose,” said Baker. “I’m honored to accept this recognition on behalf of our 48,000 associates who are working around the world to help our customers to do more with less water, energy and waste.”

Through a global competition, the independent Gold Medal Jury selected Ecolab’s application based upon its many initiatives to support global sustainable water management and conservation, its multiple sustainability commitments and partnerships, and integration of sustainability in its innovation processes and product development.

Preceding the award ceremony, WEC will host its annual Gold Medal Colloquium, which this year focuses on the theme “Understanding Investor’s Expectations for Sustainability Performance.” The Colloquium will feature leading investment analysts and company executives. Both Gold Medal events are by invitation only.

The World Environment Center’s Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development was established in 1985 to recognize significant industry initiatives in global environmental excellence and sustainable development. Recent recipients of the WEC Gold Medal Award are: HP Inc. (2017), CH2M (2016), SC Johnson (2015), Unilever (2013), IBM (2012), Nestlé (2011), Wal-Mart Stores (2010), The Coca-Cola Company (2009), and Marks & Spencer (2008).

The Gold Medal Jury is independent of WEC and its programs, and is composed of international leaders from academia, government, non-governmental organizations, and retired industry professionals.



### **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. More information about Ecolab is available at [www.ecolab.com](http://www.ecolab.com).

### **About the World Environment Center**

The World Environment Center, headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices and operations in emerging and developed markets, is unique in its direct application of sustainable development strategies and practices to the business operations of global companies. WEC creates sustainable business solutions through individual projects in emerging markets; convenes leadership roundtables to shape strategic thinking across a range of sustainability topics with a specific focus on the preparation of business leaders to implement sustainability; and honors industry excellence through its annual Gold Medal Award. An independent non-profit organization, WEC conducts no advocacy activities. For more information, please visit [www.wec.org](http://www.wec.org).

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