



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

January 10, 2018 /3BL Media/ - The World Environment Center (WEC) is pleased to announce that its 34<sup>th</sup> annual Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development will be awarded to Ecolab. The Chief Executive Officer of Ecolab will accept the Gold Medal Award on Thursday, May 17, 2018, during the Gold Medal Presentation Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

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

In summarizing the decision of the Gold Medal Jury, Jury Chair Katherine Sierra of The Brookings Institution stated, "On behalf of the independent Jury members, I extend my sincere congratulations to Ecolab for its thoughtful approach to sustainability and social impact. Ecolab demonstrates its strong commitment to sustainability across its organization, to its customers through innovative products, technologies, and solutions."

In acknowledging receipt of the prestigious global sustainability award, Doug Baker, Ecolab chairman and CEO, said, "We're honored by this recognition and proud of the work we do to help our customers grow their businesses and achieve their sustainability goals. Our global team is dedicated to delivering our purpose: to make the world cleaner, safer and healthier, protecting people and vital resources."

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**

Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, Ecolab is the global leader in water, hygiene and energy technologies and services. Around the world businesses in foodservice, food processing, hospitality, healthcare, industrial, and oil and gas markets choose Ecolab products and services to keep their environment clean and safe, operate efficiently and achieve sustainability goals. More information about Ecolab is available at <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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