ST. PAUL, MINN. — Ecolab Inc. was listed among Business Ethics magazine's “100 Best Corporate Citizens” in America for the third consecutive year.

The magazine's third annual list — which was published in its March/April issue — honors public companies "that best serve" the following stakeholders: stockholders, the community, minorities, women, employees, the environment, non-U.S. stakeholders and customers.

The list is based on information compiled by Boston-based KLD Research & Analytics, which examined 650 companies and weighed such issues as pollution emissions, philanthropic contributions, staff diversity and employee benefits.

In an accompanying article, Business Ethics wrote: "Our complex world calls for a redefinition of corporate success to mean service to a variety of stakeholders. That is the essence of our definition of corporate citizenship."

"We are committed to acting with the highest level of integrity and responsibility in all of our business dealings, and we sincerely appreciated being recognized for our efforts," said Allan Schuman, Ecolab chairman, chief executive and president.

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