



## **Zep Announces the Acquisition of EcoClear to Further Enhance its Comprehensive Sanitizing Offerings to Food & Beverage Processors and Other Critical Facility Operators**

### ***Acquisition Reinforces Zep's Commitment to Provide Innovative End-to-End Cleaning, Disinfectant and Sanitation Solutions to its Customers***

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ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Zep Inc, a leading innovator, producer and distributor of maintenance, cleaning and sanitation solutions for food & beverage, industrial & institutional, retail, and vehicle care customers, has announced the acquisition of EcoClear [LLC], a deep-cleaning solution provider that specializes in sanitizing and disinfecting food processing and refrigerated facilities.

As part of the acquisition, EcoClear will be integrated into AFCO, a division of Zep and a leading specialty chemical and sanitation provider that serves the food and beverage processing industry. This combination enables EcoClear and AFCO|Zep to expand sanitation and food safety chemical and service expertise to the food & beverage customers that are served by both companies. Through this partnership, Zep is confident in the company's capability to continue to deliver the best possible cleaning solutions with the best service to its customers.

"AFCO|Zep is honored to bring Brian Hindt and the EcoClear team into the AFCO Food & Beverage Division," said Bob Klinetob, Senior Vice President & General Manager of AFCO. "Over the last few months during the worldwide pandemic, EcoClear's staff and service-oriented approach have successfully provided immediate solutions in response to COVID-19 and other levels of food defense challenges. By integrating EcoClear into Zep's portfolio, we add another level of solutions-based offerings for our valued customers."

The acquisition underscores Zep's growth amid the pandemic, with the introduction of five new disinfectants, hand sanitizers and soaps in response to COVID-19, and more than 15 additional solutions launching before the end of 2020. Further, Zep continues to invest in production capacity and has partnered with external stakeholders to meet unprecedented demand and customer requirements for hand sanitizers and disinfectant products.

"This is an exciting opportunity for EcoClear and I am looking forward to joining a team like AFCO|Zep, who already has an established reputation in the food and beverage industry," said Brian Hindt, CEO of EcoClear. "AFCO|Zep's 3-step solution of deep cleaning, disinfecting, and maintaining pairs well with the EcoClear process, and together, we can help enable our customers to keep their business operations running efficiently and safely."

[Zep](#) is a one-stop-shop option for efficacious cleaning and sanitizing solutions that prioritize the safety of the end user. The Zep Technical Services team is also available at [AskTech@zep.com](mailto:AskTech@zep.com) to help customers answer any questions about their specific needs for keeping safe during the pandemic and for reopening.

#### [About Zep, Inc.](#)

Zep is a leading innovator, producer, and distributor of maintenance and cleaning solutions for retail, food & beverage, industrial & institutional, and vehicle care customers. Zep brings a large portfolio of premium brands built over an 80+ year legacy of developing the most effective products trusted by professionals and consumers to get the job done right the first time.

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