

ECOLAB INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LUMPKINS ROBERT L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N

(Street)

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ECOLAB INC [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/16/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	05/16/2011		M	6,374 A \$ 17.745	32,220.22	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2011		F ⁽¹⁾	2,167 D \$ 52.195	30,053.22	D	
Common Stock					6,700	I	By grantor retained annuity trust

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.745 (2)	05/16/2011		M	6,374 (2)	11/01/2001 11/01/2011	Common Stock	6,374 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUMPKINS ROBERT L ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102		X		

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert L. Lumpkins
Date: 05/17/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price and withholding taxes for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock.
- (2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. The option was originally reported as a grant of 3,187 shares at a price of \$35.49 per share, and was adjusted following the company's two-for-one stock split paid June 6, 2003.
- (3) The option was granted in lieu of \$28,273.19 of non-employee director compensation earned by the reporting person over the period from May 12, 2001 to November 1, 2001.

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