

ECOLAB INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BAKER DOUGLAS M JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N.

(Street)

ST. 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)  
05/24/2012

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)

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	05/24/2012		M		314,000	A \$ 34.5	427,847.583 D
Common Stock	05/24/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>		229,295	D \$ 65.19	198,552.583 D
Common Stock	05/24/2012		M		37,034	A \$ 43.24	235,586.583 D
Common Stock	05/24/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>		29,888	D \$ 65.19	205,698.583 D
Common Stock	05/24/2012		M		59,544	A \$ 51.445	265,242.583 D

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Common Stock	05/24/2012	F <sup>(1)</sup>	52,349	D	\$ 65.19	212,893.583	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2012	M	61,885	A	\$ 46.715	274,778.583	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2012	F <sup>(1)</sup>	51,834	D	\$ 65.19	223,623.895 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						96,400	I	By wife
Common Stock						5,186.702 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Security	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Underlying Security
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.5	05/24/2012		M	314,000	12/09/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/09/2014	Common Stock	314,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.24	05/24/2012		M	37,034	06/13/2007	12/05/2012	Common Stock	37,034
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.445	05/24/2012		M	59,544	12/14/2007	12/05/2012	Common Stock	59,544

