

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
**03/05/2012**

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)

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)	Price		
Common Stock	03/05/2012		M	A	\$ 22.6525	13,478	D
Common Stock	03/05/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 59.365	10,884	D
Common Stock	03/05/2012		M	A	\$ 22.6525	17,190	D
Common Stock	03/05/2012		F <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 59.365	14,784	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)	\$ 22.6525	03/05/2012		M	6,800 (2)	05/10/2002 05/10/2012	Common Stock	6,800 (2)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.6525	03/05/2012		M	6,306 (3)	05/10/2002 05/10/2012	Common Stock	6,306 (3)

## 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/ Peter G. Westphal, as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert L. Lumpkins

03/07/2012

\_\_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 delivering or 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 3,400 shares at a price of \$45.305 per share, and was adjusted following the company's two-for-one stock split paid June 6, 2003.
- (3) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. The option was originally reported as a grant of 3,153 shares at a price of \$45.305 per share, and was adjusted following the company's two-for-one stock split paid June 6, 2003.
- (4) The option was granted in lieu of \$35,707.13 of non-employee director compensation earned by the reporting person over the period from November 1, 2001 to May 10, 2002.

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