

ECOLAB INC

Form 4

September 15, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Snedeker C William

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
09/13/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP-Global Services Sector

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock	09/13/2006		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 17,000 A \$ 19.922	18,104.19	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2006		S	17,000 D \$ 42	1,106.665 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					2,521.359 ⁽²⁾	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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.922	09/13/2006		M	17,000	08/13/2000 ⁽³⁾ 08/13/2009	Common Stock	17,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Snedeker C William 370 WABASHA STREET N. SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	EVP-Global Services Sector

Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, as attorney-in-fact for C. William Snedeker 09/15/2006

__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).

- Includes 2,807 shares acquired by reporting person in April 2006 under a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Employee Stock Purchase Plan, plus 0.069 shares acquired by reporting person on April 20, 2006 and 0.066 shares acquired by reporting person on July 20, 2006 under the Ecolab Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (1) Number of UNITS owned by the reporting person in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of August 31, 2006. (The 2,521.359 UNITS are equivalent to approximately 4,706 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- (2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on August 13, 1999. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3)

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