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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * IANNUZZI LUCIANO

(First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

EVP-Europe, Africa & M.E.

below)

ECOLAB GMBH & CO. OHG, REISHOLZER

WERFTSTRASSE 38-42

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

DUESSELDORF, 2M D-40589

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

(A)

or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti

(9-02)

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8			d of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 34.075	12/07/2005		A		40,400		12/07/2006(1)	12/07/2015	Common Stock	40,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

IANNUZZI LUCIANO ECOLAB GMBH & CO. OHG REISHOLZER WERFTSTRASSE 38-42 DUESSELDORF, 2M D-40589

EVP-Europe, Africa & M.E.

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Luciano Iannuzzi

12/09/2005

**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).

The option will be exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant; provided, however, that if a Change in Control (as that term is defined in the 2005 Ecolab Inc. Stock Incentive Plan) will occur, then the option, if it has been outstanding for at least six months from the date of grant, will become immediately exercisable in full.

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