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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

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 * JOHNSON JOEL W

(First) (Middle)

(Last)

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION, 1 HORMEL **PLACE**

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

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

05/12/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title

below)

X_ Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

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(Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680 (City) (State)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (A)

or

Following Reported 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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Derivative Conversion

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ed ed of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.905	05/12/2006		A	4,800		05/12/2006	05/12/2016	Common Stock	4,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON JOEL W HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680



Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Joel W. Johnson 05/16/2006

**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).

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