

WHITE JAMES H  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>WHITE JAMES H</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>ECOLAB GMBH &amp; CO. OHG, REISHOLZER WERFSTRASSE 38-42</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>DUSSELDORF, D-40589</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/24/2007</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ECOLAB INC [ECL]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>____ Director      ____ 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer      ____ Other          (give title below) (specify below)          Executive VP - EMEA</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p>____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>				

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0	D	
Common Stock	269.119 <sup>(1)</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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/27/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/27/2015	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 32.99	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/06/2016	Common Stock	23,800	\$ 45.24	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITE JAMES H ECOLAB GMBH & CO. OHG REISHOLZER WERFSTRASSE 38-42 DUSSELDORF,Â 2MÂ D-40589	Â	Â	Â Executive VP - EMEA	Â

## Signatures

David F. Duvick, as attorney-in-fact for James H. White 05/04/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of March 31, 2007. (The 269.119UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 502 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)  
Options granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on October 27, 2005. The option becomes exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 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 2002 Plan) of the Company occurs, then the option, if it has been outstanding for at least six months from the date of grant, will become immediately exercisable in full.
- (2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2006. The option becomes exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 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 Plan) of the Company occurs, then the option, if it has been outstanding for at least six months from the date of grant, will become immediately exercisable in full.
- (3)

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