ECOLAB INC Form 4 May 08, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON JOEL W

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

05/04/2007

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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FOUNDATION, 301 N. MAIN

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi oror Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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	05/04/2007		M	7,600	A	\$ 20	51,432.37	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2007		F(1)	3,542	D	\$ 42.905	47,890.37	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2007		M	3,682	A	\$ 17.745	51,572.37	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2007		F(1)	1,522	D	\$ 42.905	50,050.37	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2007		M	6,800	A	\$ 22.6525	56,850.37	D	

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Common Stock	05/04/2007	F <u>(1)</u>	3,590	D	\$ 42.905	53,260.37	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007	M	4,076	A	\$ 22.6525	57,336.37	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007	F(1)	2,152	D	\$ 42.905	55,184.37	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007	M	3,442	A	\$ 24.035	58,626.37	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007	F(1)	1,928	D	\$ 42.905	56,698.37	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007	M	7,400	A	\$ 24.8325	64,098.37	D
Common Stock	05/04/2007	F <u>(1)</u>	4,282	D	\$ 42.905	59,863.05 (2)	D

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007		A	4,300		05/04/2007	05/04/2017	Common Stock	4,300
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20 (3)	05/04/2007		M		7,600 (3)	05/11/2001	05/11/2011	Common Stock	7,600 (3)
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 17.745 (3)	05/04/2007		M		3,682 (3)	11/01/2001	11/01/2011	Common Stock	3,682 (3)

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Buy)									
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.6525 (3)	05/04/2007	M		6,800 (3)	05/10/2002	05/10/2012	Common Stock	6,800 (3)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.6525 (3)	05/04/2007	M		4,076 (3)	05/10/2002	05/10/2012	Common Stock	4,076 (3)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.035 (3)	05/04/2007	M		3,442 (3)	11/01/2002	11/01/2012	Common Stock	3,442 (3)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.8325 (3)	05/04/2007	M		7,400 (3)	05/09/2003	05/09/2013	Common Stock	7,400 (3)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007	A	3,542		05/04/2007	05/11/2011	Common Stock	3,542
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007	A	1,522		05/04/2007	11/01/2011	Common Stock	1,522
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007	A	3,590		05/04/2007	05/10/2012	Common Stock	3,590
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007	A	2,152		05/04/2007	05/10/2012	Common Stock	2,152
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007	A	1,928		05/04/2007	11/01/2012	Common Stock	1,928
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007	A	4,282		05/04/2007	05/09/2013	Common Stock	4,282

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationship
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON JOEL W THE HORMEL FOUNDATION 301 N. MAIN STREET AUSTIN, MN 55912

X

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Joel W. Johnson

05/08/2007

**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 of the stock options issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 in each case by delivering shares of Ecolab common stock.
- (2) Includes 46.68 shares acquired by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, Inc.
- (3) The exercise price for the stock options has been halved and the number of shares subject to the options doubled to reflect a 2-for-1 stock split paid June 6, 2003 subsequent to the original reporting of the options.

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