ECOLAB INC Form 4 May 11, 2007

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

DE SCHUTTER RICHARD U Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 733 RAVINE AVENUE 05/10/2007 below)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) below) below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

LAKE BLUFF, IL 60044-2625

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 05/10/2007 P 2,500 6,676.79 D 41.8099 Stock

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerci Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monus Day/Tear)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Y e		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)		Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DE SCHUTTER RICHARD U							
733 RAVINE AVENUE	X						
LAKE BLUFF IL 60044-2625							

## **Signatures**

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Richard U. DeSchutter

05/11/2007

\*\*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).

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