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## FORM 3

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

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \*

(Instr. 4)

A Berger Larry L

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/28/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below) Chief Technical Officer & SVP 6. Individual or Joint/Group

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SAINT PAUL, MNÂ 55102

370 WABASHA STREET N

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Form:

Ownership Direct (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Berger Larry L

370 WABASHA STREET N Â Â Â Chief Technical Officer & SVP Â

SAINT PAUL, MNÂ 55102

## **Signatures**

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Larry L.
Berger 05/02/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned

- \* 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).

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#### **Remarks:**

No securities beneficially owned.

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