

ECOLAB INC
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELL LAWRENCE T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ECOLAB INC [ECL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
General Counsel and Secretary

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N.

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G	625 D \$ 0	104,683	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G	625 D \$ 0	104,058	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G ⁽¹⁾	625 A \$ 0	3,748	I	By daughter
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G ⁽²⁾	625 A \$ 0	3,856	I	By daughter

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