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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading REICH VICTORIA Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O UNITED STATIONERS 12/31/2010 INC., ONE PARKWAY NORTH BLVD., SUITE 100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015-2559

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit oner Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of	` ′	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	12/31/2010		A	209.84	A	\$ 0	2,772.76	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2010		A	456.7	A	\$ 50.635	3,235.11 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock							1,000	I	held by the Robert Reich Trust	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or		ate	Amour Underl Securit	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo
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				of (D) (Instr. 3,						(Instr
				4, and 5)						
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of		
			Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REICH VICTORIA C/O UNITED STATIONERS INC. ONE PARKWAY NORTH BLVD., SUITE 100 DEERFIELD, IL 60015-2559

X

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Victoria Reich

01/04/2011

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- * 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) Includes 5.65 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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