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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Inchaustegui Roberto			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/05/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
370 WABASHA STREET NORTH				(Check	Check all applicable)		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
(Street) ST. PAUL, MN 55102			Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer Other(give title below)(specify below)EVP-Global Specialty Sector		ow)			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1	
Common Sto	ock		1,485		D	Â		
Common Sto	ock		6.047 <u>(9)</u>		Ι	By E	colab Savings Plan	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/09/2005 <u>(1)</u>	12/09/2014	Common Stock	13,600	\$ 34.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2006(2)	12/07/2015	Common Stock	13,500	\$ 34.075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2007 <u>(3)</u>	12/06/2016	Common Stock	10,300	\$ 45.24	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2008(4)	12/05/2017	Common Stock	12,200	\$ 49.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/31/2009(5)	07/31/2018	Common Stock	37,000	\$ 44.91	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2009 <u>(6)</u>	12/03/2018	Common Stock	19,700	\$ 35.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2010(7)	12/02/2019	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 45.665	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2011(8)	12/01/2020	Common Stock	10,600	\$ 48.055	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Inchaustegui Roberto 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH ST. PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	EVP-Global Specialty Sector	Â			
Signatures							
David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Roberto Inchaustegui			05/09/2011				
**Signature of Reporting Pe		Date					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 9, 2004. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative
 (1) basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 7, 2005. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative(2) basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2006. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second

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anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2007. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative(4) basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(5) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on July 31, 2008. The option becomes exercisableas to 100% of the option shares on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 3, 2008. The option will become exercisable, on a(6) cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 2, 2009. The option will become exercisable, on a
(7) cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 1, 2010. The option will become exercisable, on a(8) cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(9) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of May 4, 2011. (The 6.047 UNITS are the equivalent of approximtely 11 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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