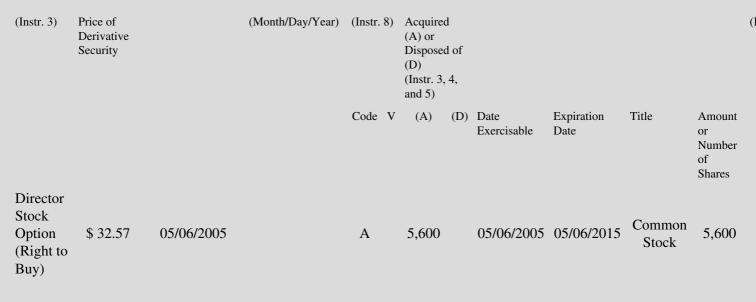
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HOWARD JAMES J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 13400 OAKMEADE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2005				(Check all applicable)			
							X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)below)			
				. If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)			<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>			
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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOWARD JAMES J 13400 OAKMEADE WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33418-7506	Х					
Signatures						
/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Howard		05/09/2005				
**Signature of Reporting Person			Dat	e		
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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