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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported

Form 4

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer BAKER DOUGLAS M JR Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2004 ECOLAB INC., Â 370 WABASHA STREET N.

X Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

(Zip)

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(check applicable line)

CEO & President

ST. PAUL, ÂMNÂ 55102

(City)

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

		1401	Tuble 1 Tron Derivative Securities required, Disposed of, or Denemenary 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. Secur Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) of (E) 4 and (A) or))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/14/2004	Â	G	1,450	D	\$0	30,719.39	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	4,265.513 (1)	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan

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

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
									or	
						•	Expiration	Title Number		
					Exercisabl	Exercisable	Date		of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BAKER DOUGLAS M JR							

ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MNÂ 55102

 $\hat{A} X \qquad \hat{A} \qquad \hat{A} CEO \& President \hat{A}$

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas M. Baker, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of December 31, 2005. (The 4,265.513 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 8,368.094 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.)

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