

ECOLAB INC  
Form 4  
July 28, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LEWIS DIANA D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA  
STREET N.**

(Street)

**ST. PAUL, MN 55102**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**07/28/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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	07/28/2005		M	30,800	A \$ 6.703	88,007.704	D
Common Stock	07/28/2005		F(1)	14,524	D \$ 33.93	73,483.704	D
Common Stock					11,477.397 (2)	I	By the Ecolab 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 6.703	07/28/2005		M		30,800		08/18/1996	08/18/2005	Common Stock	30,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LEWIS DIANA D ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102	SVP - Human Resources

## Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Diana D. Lewis

07/28/2005

\_\_\_\_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) Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price and withholding taxes for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by delivering or withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock.
- Additionally, reporting person indirectly holds 11,477.397 UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of June 30, 2005, including 203.754 units acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 11,477.397 units are the equivalent to approximately 20,705 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- (2)
- (3) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1993 Stock Incentive Plan on August 18, 1995. The option was originally reported as covering 15,400 shares at an exercise price of \$13.40625 but has been adjusted to reflect a stock split on June 6, 2003. The option became exercisable, cumulatively, as to 25% of the total shares subject to the option on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date

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of grant and as to the remaining shares on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.

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