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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HAMELMANN STEFAN

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2007

X Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

HEBBELSTRASSE 13 05/04/200'

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
X 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

below)

DUSSELDORF, 2M 40237

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5,863.09 D

Common Stock

(City)

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)

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic 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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/04/2007		A	4,300	05/04/2007	05/04/2017	Common Stock	4,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HAMELMANN STEFAN HEBBELSTRASSE 13 DUSSELDORF, 2M 40237	X					

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stefan Hamelmann

05/08/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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