ZILLMER JOHN J

Form 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ZILLMER JOHN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

X_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

Other (specify

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA

(Street)

(First)

STREET N

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2008

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

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Ownership 7. Nature of 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

12/31/2008

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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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ZILLMER JOHN J ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	X						

Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, as attorney-in-fact for John J.

Zillmer

01/05/2009

**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) Includes 4.94 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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