

ECOLAB INC

Form 5

January 20, 2009

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).Form 3 Holdings
Reported

Form 4

Transactions

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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response... 1.01. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELL LAWRENCE T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA
STREET N.

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ECOLAB INC [ECL]3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/20084. 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)
General Counsel and Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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	12/18/2008	Â	G	625 D \$ 0	104,683	D	Â
Common Stock	12/18/2008	Â	G	625 D \$ 0	104,058	D	Â
Common Stock	12/18/2008	Â	G ⁽¹⁾	625 A \$ 0	3,748	I	By daughter
Common Stock	12/18/2008	Â	G ⁽²⁾	625 A \$ 0	3,856	I	By daughter

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	8,643.583 (3)	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.	Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.	SEC 2270 (9-02)
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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D S B O E I F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BELL LAWRENCE T ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102	Â Â Â General Counsel and Secretary Â

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Lawrence T. Bell 01/20/2009

__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) Transfer by reporting person to one of his daughters.
- (2) Transfer by reporting person to a second daughter.
- (3) The reporting person indirectly holds 8,643.583 UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of November 30, 2008. (The 8643.583 UNITS are equivalent to approximately 16,166 SHARES of Common Stock.)

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