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Check this if no long subject to Section 16 Form 4 or Form 5	er STATI 5.	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,							Expires: Estimated a burden hou response	•		
obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	^s Section 1	7(a) of the		ility Hold	ing Com	pany	Act of	f 1935 or Sectio	n			
(Print or Type R	esponses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LUMPKINS ROBERT L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N			(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2011					X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give title0ther (specify below)below)				
SAINT PAU	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code	Fransaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
G				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	09/30/2011			А	216.48	А	\$0	30,613.87 <u>(1)</u>	D			
Common Stock								6,700	I	By grantor retained annuity trust		

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amor Unde Secur	tle and unt of erlying rities r. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne 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

10% Owner Officer Other

LUMPKINS ROBERT L ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert L. Lumpkins

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Director

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- ** 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 74.01 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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