### Fyrwald J Erik Form 3 December 05, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0104

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Fyrwald J Erik			<ol> <li>Date of Event Requiring Statement</li> <li>(Month/Day/Year)</li> </ol>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/01/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
ECOLAB IN WABASHA		N.		(Check all applicable)				
	(Street)				Other		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
ST. PAUL, MN 55102				(give title below) (specify below) President			Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Deriva	tive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	*	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	

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### (Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Fyrwald J Erik ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	President	Â			
Signatures							
David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for J. Erik Frywald 12/05/20							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reportin	Date						
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

### No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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### **Remarks:**

No securities or derivative securities are beneficially owned.

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