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(Print or Type Re	esponses)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MILLER JAMES A		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (Mide	dle) 3. Date of	Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
ECOLAB IN STREET N.	C., 370 WABASH		(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2011		Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Below) ExVP & Pres. GlobalServ.&Spec.		
	(Street)		ndment, Date Original th/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ST. PAUL, M	IN 55102			Person	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
	1	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				2,768.501	D		
Common Stock				18,235	I	By Trust	
Common Stock				1,093.627 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan	

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.595	12/01/2011		A	25,000	12/01/2012 <u>(2)</u>	12/01/2021	Common Stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
MILLER JAMES A ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102			ExVP & Pres. GlobalServ.&Spec.		
Signatures					
/s/D F Duvick Attorney-in-fac	rt for Iam	es A			

Miller	12/05/201		
**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).
- Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of October 31, 2011. Includes 3.614 UNITS
 (1) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 1093.627 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 2,037 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- The option will be exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one(2) share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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