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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addre Person <u>*</u> LARSON M		C	2. Date of Event Statement (Month/Day/Ye		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]						
(Last) (F	First) ((Middle)	02/23/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
2365 CARILLO	ON POINT	Г							•		
(Street) KIRKLAND, WA 98033					(Check all applicable)			6. Individ	6. Individual or Joint/Group		
							10% Own Other y below)	ner Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting			
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Т	able I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			В	2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownersh Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr. 5)	nip Ow (In D) ect	Vature of Ind vnership str. 5)	lirect Beneficial		
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Table	e II - Deriva	ative Secur	ities Beneficially	y Owned (e.g	g., puts, calls,	warrants	s, options	, convertible	e securities)		
1. Title of Derivativ (Instr. 4)	ve Security	Expira	e Exercisable and ation Date Day/Year)	Securitie	and Amount of as Underlying ve Security	Conv or E Price	version xercise e of vative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		

Date

Exercisable

Expiration

Title

Date

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

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Security

Amount or

Number of

Shares

3235-0104

January 31,

2005

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Number:

Expires:

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Estimated average burden hours per

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships										
I O	Director	Director 10% Owner		Other							
LARSON MICHAEL 2365 CARILLON POINT KIRKLAND, WA 98033	ÂX	Â	Â	Â							
Signatures											
Peter G. Westphal, as Attorney-In-Fact for Michael 03/05/2012 Larson											
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporti	Date										
Explanation of Responses:											

No securities are beneficially owned

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

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Remarks:

No securities or derivative securities are benefically owned.

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