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Registration No. 33-59431

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ECOLAB INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

41-0231510

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

(I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification No.)

ECOLAB CENTER

370 NORTH WABASHA STREET

55102

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

ECOLAB INC. 1995 NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION PLAN (Full Title of the Plan)

KENNETH A. IVERSON, ESQ. VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

ECOLAB CENTER

370 NORTH WABASHA STREET ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

(651) 293-2125

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF SECURITIES	AMOUNT TO BE	PROPOSED MAXIMUM	PROPOSED MAXIMUM
TO BE REGISTERED	REGISTERED	OFFERING PRICE PER UNIT	AGGREGATE OFFERING PRIC

Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share N/A (1) N/A (1) N/A (1)

(1) This amendment is filed to deregister securities originally registered for issuance pursuant to the Ecolab Inc. 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 18, 1995.

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

The purpose of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 (SEC File No. 33-59431) is to deregister shares of Ecolab Inc. ("Ecolab") common stock (and the preferred stock purchase rights attached to these shares) registered for issuance pursuant to the Ecolab Inc. 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. The Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed in connection with the Ecolab Inc. 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan registered 200,000 shares (400,000 shares after adjusting for Ecolab's January 15, 1998 2-for-1 stock split) of Ecolab common stock (and the attached preferred stock purchase rights). As of April 5, 2001, 118,400 shares of Ecolab's common stock (and the attached preferred stock purchase rights) registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-8 had not been issued under the Ecolab Inc. 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan and are not subject to currently outstanding options. These shares are hereby deregistered.

On February 23, 2001, the Board of Directors of Ecolab approved the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan, which replaces the Ecolab Inc. 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan with respect to future stock option grants. All outstanding options under the Ecolab Inc. 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan will remain exercisable until the expiration of their respective terms or earlier as provided in the plan. In accordance with Instruction E to Form S-8 and the telephonic interpretation of the Securities and Exchange Commission pertaining to "Form S-8" set forth in the Division of Corporation Finance's Telephone Interpretation Manual of Publicly-Available Telephone Interpretations (July 1997), as supplemented from time to time thereafter, Ecolab is concurrently filing a Registration Statement on Form S-8 to carry forward the 118,400 shares of Ecolab common stock (and attached preferred stock purchase rights) deregistered pursuant to this Post-Effective Amendment for issuance pursuant to the 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The following is a complete list of the exhibits filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Post-Effective Amendment:

Exhibit No. Description

24.1 Powers of Attorney (filed herewith electronically).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, on April 5, 2001.

ECOLAB INC.

By: /s/ Allan L. Schuman

Allan L. Schuman

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Title

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed on April 5, 2001 by the following persons in the capacities indicated.

Chairman of the Board and Chief /s/ Allan L. Schuman _____ (principal executive officer) and Di Allan L. Schuman /s/ L. White Matthews, III Executive Vice President and Chief _____ (principal financial officer) and Di L. White Matthews, III Vice President and Controller (p /s/ Steven L. Fritze _____ officer) Steven L. Fritze /s/ Kenneth A. Iverson Directors _____ Kenneth A. Iverson, as attorney-in-fact for Les S. Biller, Ruth S. Block, Jerry A. Grundhofer, James J. Howard,

William L. Jews, Joel W. Johnson, Jerry W. Levin, Robert

DIRECTORS NOT SIGNING:

L. Lumpkins and Hugo Uyterhoeven

Stefan Hamelmann

Signature

Ulrich Lehner

ECOLAB INC. POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

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