

ECOLAB INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
BAKER DOUGLAS M JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N.

(Street)

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ECOLAB INC [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/29/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/29/2010		M		23,499 A \$ 35.515	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2010		F(1)		19,813 D \$ 48.895	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2010		M		5,487 A \$ 44.81	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2010		F(1)		5,223 D \$ 48.895	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2010		M		27,717 A \$ 44.81	D	

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Common Stock	07/29/2010	F <sup>(1)</sup>	26,389	D	\$ 48.895	58,812.832 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						96,400	I	By wife
Common Stock						5,054.084 <sup>(3)</sup>	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.515	07/29/2010		M	23,499	12/14/2005 08/18/2010	Common Stock 23,499
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.81	07/29/2010		M	5,487	10/24/2006 08/18/2010	Common Stock 5,487
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.81	07/29/2010		M	27,717	10/24/2006 12/07/2010	Common Stock 27,717

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAKER DOUGLAS M JR  
ECOLAB INC. X Chairman, President & CEO  
370 WABASHA STREET N.  
ST. PAUL, MN 55102

### Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas M. Baker, Jr. 07/30/2010

\_\_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).
- (1) Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price and withholding taxes for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock.  
  
Includes 115,277 shares acquired by reporting person on January 21, 2010, 118,241 shares acquired on April 20, 2010, and 111,182
- (2) shares acquired on July 20, 2010 by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, Inc.  
  
Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of June 30, 2010. Includes 33,733 UNITS
- (3) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 5,054.084 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 9,443 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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