**ECOLAB INC** Form 4 January 03, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ZILLMER JOHN J Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES, 12/31/2007 below) INC., 18500 N. ALLIED WAY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85054

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	ecurities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	on(A) or Disp (D)	•	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Code V	(Instr. 3, 4) Amount	(A) or (D) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2007		A	145.42	A \$0	1,099.53 (1)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	unt of rlying rities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZILLMER JOHN J ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC. 18500 N. ALLIED WAY SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85054

X

## **Signatures**

/s/Sarah Z. Erickson, as Attorney-in-Fact for John J. Zillmer

01/03/2008

\*\*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) Includes 1.95 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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