

ECOLAB INC
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELL LAWRENCE T

(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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

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)
General Counsel and Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | ^ | G | 415 | D | \$ 0 | 103,343 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | ^ | G | 575 | D | \$ 0 | 102,768 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | ^ | G | 575 | D | \$ 0 | 102,193 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | ^ | G ⁽¹⁾ | 575 | A | \$ 0 | 4,323 | I | By daughter |

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|--------------|------------|---|------------------|-----|---|------|------------------|---|------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/11/2009 | Â | G ⁽²⁾ | 575 | A | \$ 0 | 4,431 | I | By daughter |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 8,767.396 (3) | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se B O E I F I |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BELL LAWRENCE T ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102 | Â | Â | Â | General Counsel and Secretary Â |

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Lawrence T. Bell 02/01/2010

__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) Transfer by reporting person to one of his daughters.
 - (2) Transfer by reporting person to a second daughter.

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- (3) The reporting person indirectly holds 8,767.396 UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of December 31, 2009. (The 8,767.396 UNITS are equivalent to approximately 16,384 SHARES of Common Stock.)

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