

Fyrwald J Erik
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Fyrwald J Erik

(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)
 12/31/2011

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)
 President

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)			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	^	^	3	^	^	^	^	I	J. Erik Fyrwald Trust
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	46,109 ⁽²⁾	I	Erik Fyrwald GRAT
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	3,293 ⁽²⁾	I	JAK Limited Partnership

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) Mr. Fyrwald beneficially owned 10,200 shares of Ecolab common stock in a living trust on December 1, 2011, the date on which he became an officer of Ecolab. The additional 2,322 shares of Ecolab common stock in the trust were issued to Mr. Fyrwald as merger consideration pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of July 19, 2001 between and among Ecolab, Sustainability Partners Corporation and Nalco Holding Company (the "Merger Agreement") following completion of the merger on December 1, 2011.

(2) The Form 4 filed by Mr. Fyrwald on December 5, 2011, and amended on December 9, 2011, with respect to the shares of Ecolab common stock issued to him as merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement reported in error that he had direct beneficial ownership of 125,968 shares of Ecolab common stock following the December 1, 2011 consummation of the merger. As corrected, Mr. Fyrwald had direct and indirect ownership of the shares of Ecolab common stock as reported in column 5 of Table I above.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of Ecolab common stock, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the restricted stock unit agreement.

(4) The Form 4 filed by Mr. Fyrwald on December 5, 2011, and amended on December 9, 2011, reported in error that he acquired 111,943 restricted stock units upon the conversion of restricted stock units covering 164,723 shares of Nalco common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement. As corrected, Mr. Fyrwald acquired 54,852 restricted stock units upon the conversion of restricted stock units covering 80,714 shares of Nalco common stock.

(5) The shares will vest on February 28, 2012, subject to continued employment at the vesting date.

(6) The Form 4 filed by Mr. Fyrwald on December 5, 2011, and amended on December 9, 2011, reported in error that he acquired 55,189 restricted stock units upon the conversion of restricted stock units covering 81,210 shares of Nalco common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement. As corrected, Mr. Fyrwald acquired 77,625 restricted stock units upon the conversion of restricted stock units covering 113,694 shares of Nalco common stock.

(7) The shares will vest on February 28, 2013, subject to continued employment at the vesting date.

(8) The Form 4 filed by Mr. Fyrwald on December 5, 2011, and amended on December 9, 2011, reported in error that he acquired 52,353 restricted stock units upon the conversion of restricted stock units covering 77,037 shares of Nalco common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement. As corrected, Mr. Fyrwald acquired 56,018 restricted stock units upon the conversion of restricted stock units covering 82,430 shares of Nalco common stock.

(9) The shares will vest on February 28, 2014, subject to continued employment at the vesting date.

(10) The Form 4 filed by Mr. Fyrwald on December 5, 2011, and amended on December 9, 2011, reported in error that he acquired an employee stock option to purchase 227,659 shares of Ecolab common stock upon the conversion of employee stock options to purchase 335,000 shares of Nalco common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement. As corrected, Mr. Fyrwald acquired an employee stock option to purchase 227,660 shares of Ecolab common stock upon the conversion of employee stock options to purchase 335,000 shares of Nalco common stock.

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