

ECOLAB INC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Corkrean John J		(Month/Day/Year)	ECOLAB INC [ECL]	
(Last)	(First)	04/16/2008		
370 WABASHA STREET N			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAINT PAUL,Â MNÂ 55102			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP & Corporate Controller	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1	D	Â
Common Stock	1,345.595 <sup>(9)</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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/18/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/18/2010	Common Stock	8,200	\$ 19.2656	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/06/2011	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 18.96	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/05/2012	Common Stock	7,600	\$ 24.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/11/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/11/2013	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 27.39	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/09/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/09/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 34.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/07/2015	Common Stock	4,600	\$ 34.075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2007 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/06/2016	Common Stock	12,800	\$ 45.24	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2008 <sup>(8)</sup>	12/05/2017	Common Stock	16,100	\$ 49.42	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Corkrean John J 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	Â VP & Corporate Controller	Â

## Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for John J. Corkrean

04/18/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on August 18, 2000. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2001. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2002. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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- (4) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 11, 2003. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 9, 2004. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 7, 2005. The option will become exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant; provided, however, that if a Change in Control (as that term is defined in the 2002 Plan) of the Company occurs, then the option, if it has been outstanding for at least six months from the date of grant, will become immediately exercisable in full.
- (7) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2006. The option will become exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant; provided, however, that if a Change in Control (as that term is defined in the 2005 Plan) of the Company occurs, then the option, if it has been outstanding for at least six months from the date of grant, will become immediately exercisable in full.
- (8) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2007. The option will become exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant; provided, however, that if a Change in Control (as that term is defined in the 2005 Plan) of the Company occurs, then the option, if it has been outstanding for at least six months from the date of grant, will become immediately exercisable in full.
- (9) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of March 31, 2008. (The 1,354,595 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 2,530 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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