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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** REICH VICTORIA			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O UNITED INC., ONE PABLVD., SUIT	ARKWAY		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street) DEERFIELD, IL 60015-2559		2559	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed nth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				quired of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/31/2009		A	118.88	A	\$ 0	118.88	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2009		A	263.22	A	\$ 44.9	382.1	D		
Common Stock							1,000	I	held by the Robert Reich Trust	

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

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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Othe

REICH VICTORIA C/O UNITED STATIONERS INC. ONE PARKWAY NORTH BLVD., SUITE 100 DEERFIELD, IL 60015-2559

X

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Victoria Reich

01/05/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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