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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

LUMPKINS ROBERT L

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | | Issuer | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| , , | ` ′ | • | ŕ | (Month/Da | | | | | _X_ Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N (Street) | | | HA | 12/31/2011 | | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | | |
| | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | | | | | | |
| SAINT PAUL, MN 55102 | | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| SAINT PAU | JL, MIN 3310 | 12 | | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | any | | Executio any | med n Date, if Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | of 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2011 | | | | Code V A | Amount 183.84 | (D) | Price \$ 0 | 30,876.95 <u>(1)</u> | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 6,700 | I | By grantor retained annuity trust | | |
| Reminder: Rep | ort on a separate | line fo | or each cl | ass of secur | rities benefic | - | | • | • | | | | |
| | | | | | | Person | s who | respo | and to the collect | ction of S | EC 1474 | | |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amoun | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Or Number | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

LUMPKINS ROBERT L ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102



Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert L. Lumpkins

01/04/2012

**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).
- Includes 79.24 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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