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(Print or Type	Responses)										
	Address of Reporting N ALLAN L	Person <u>*</u>	Symbol	er Name a AB INC		Ticker or T	Trading	>	5. Relationship of I Issuer	Reporting Pers	son(s) to
<u> </u>					•	-			(Check	all applicable)
(Last) 101 N. FEI SUITE 601	DERAL HIGHWA	Middle) AY,		f Earliest ' Day/Year) 2005	Tra	nsaction		-	_X_ Director Officer (give t below)		Owner er (specify
		4. If Amendment, Date Original				(6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
BOCA RA	TON, FL 33432		Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Ye	ear)			-	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by Mo Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non	-De	erivative S	ecurit		ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any (Month/E	ned 1 Date, if	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	ion (4. Securitie or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	es Acq d of (E and 5) (A) or	uired (A)))	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				Code V		Amount	(D)	Price \$		-	
Stock	02/17/2005			М		153,624	А	19.92	746,483	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005			S		116,800	D	\$ 31.75	629,683	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005			S	,	7,800	D	\$ 31.76	621,883	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005			S		1,500	D	\$ 31.77	620,383	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005			S	2	4,700	D	\$ 31.78	615,683	D	

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Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	700	D	\$ 31.79	614,983	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	6,300	D	\$ 31.8	608,683	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	200	D	\$ 31.81	608,483	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	400	D	\$ 31.82	608,083	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 31.83	607,083	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	1,700	D	\$ 31.84	605,383	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	5,300	D	\$ 32	600,083	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	5,600	D	\$ 32.01	594,483	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	200	D	\$ 32.02	594,283	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	100	D	\$ 32.06	594,183	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 32.07	593,183	D
Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	324	D	\$ 32.13	592,859	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	М	131,476	А	\$ 19.92	724,335	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	М	186,524	A	\$ 19.92	910,859	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	S	248,800	D	\$ 31.75	662,059	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	S	5,100	D	\$ 31.76	656,959	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 31.77	654,459	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	S	8,600	D	\$ 31.78	645,859	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	S	15,600	D	\$ 31.79	630,259	D
Common Stock	02/18/2005	S	35,900	D	\$ 31.8	594,359	D
	02/18/2005	S	1,500	D		592,859	D

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Common Stock	\$ 31.81			
Common Stock		14,136.697 (1)	Ι	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye) or (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisabl	e Expiration Date	Title	Amo Nurr Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.92	02/17/2005		М	153,6	24 08/13/2000 <u>(2</u>	<u>)</u> 08/13/2009	Common Stock	153
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.92	02/18/2005		М	131,4	76 08/13/2000 <u>(2</u>	<u>)</u> 08/13/2009	Common Stock	131
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.92	02/18/2005		М	186,5	24 08/13/2000 <u>(3</u>	<u>)</u> 08/13/2009	Common Stock	186

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / AddressRelationshipsDirector10% OwnerOfficerOtherSCHUMAN ALLAN LXX101 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY, SUITE 601X

BOCA RATON, FL 33432

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Allan L. Schuman

**Signature of Reporting Person

02/18/2005

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) Number of UNITS owned by the reporting person in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of January 31, 2005. (The 14,136.697 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 26,466.922 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on August 13, 1999. The option was originally reported as covering 150,000 shares at an exercise price of \$39.84375/share, but has been adjusted to reflect a stock split on June 6, 2003. The option became

(2) exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on August 13, 1999. The option was originally reported as covering 100,000 shares at an exercise price of \$39.84375/share, but has been adjusted to reflect a stock split on June 6, 2003. The option became

(3) exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.

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