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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ECOLAB INC [ECL] Beck Christophe (Month/Day/Year) 08/25/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 370 WABASHA STREET (Check all applicable) **NORTH** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Executive V.P., Instit. NA Person SAINT PAUL, MNÂ 55102 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 8,075 Common Stock 112.252 (1) I By Ecolab Savings Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4.	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
Security (Instr. 4)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Conversion or Exercise Price of	Ownership Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/01/2008(2)	06/01/2017	Common Stock	37,000	\$ 43.065	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2008(2)	12/05/2017	Common Stock	32,300	\$ 49.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2009(2)	12/03/2018	Common Stock	45,900	\$ 35.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Beck Christophe 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	Executive V.P., Instit. NA	Â	

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Christophe
Beck
09/02/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

anniversary of the date of grant (i.e., the date when the first one-third of the shares became exercisable).

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) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of July 31, 2009. (The 112.252 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 210 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- Options granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Each option becomes exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 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 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. The date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column is the one year

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