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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SANDERS DANIEL S		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]				
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	12/01/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N.			(Check all applicable)				
(Street))		OfficerOther			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting	
ST. PAUL, MN 55102						Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned C F I c c	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect [] [Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	•	
Reminder: Report on a source directly or indire	•	ach class of securities benefic	ially SEC	C 1473 (7-02))		
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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
			Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of		
	Data	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative	Security:	
	Date Exercisable				Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	
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(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SANDERS DANIEL S C/O ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Daniel S. 12/05/20							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporti	Date						
Explanation of Responses:							

No securities are beneficially owned

* 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).

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Remarks:

No securities or derivative securities are beneficially owned.

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