

Snedeker C William
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Snedeker C William

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 370 WABASHA ST. N.
 (Street)

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ECOLAB INC [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/26/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP-Global Services Sector

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	10/26/2007		M		40,000 A \$ 24.34	41,106.725	D
Common Stock	10/26/2007		S		600 D \$ 47.01	40,506.725	D
Common Stock	10/26/2007		S		39,400 D \$ 47	1,106.999 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock						2,659.475 ⁽²⁾	I

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.34	10/26/2007		M	40,000	12/05/2003 ⁽³⁾ 12/05/2012	Common Stock 40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Snedeker C William 370 WABASHA ST. N. SAINT PAUL, MN 55102			EVP-Global Services Sector	

Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, as attorney-in-fact for C. William Snedeker
 10/30/2007
 **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).
- (1) Includes 0.068 shares acquired on 01/19/07, 0.070 shares acquired on April 19, 2007, 0.070 shares acquired on July 19, 2007 and 0.066 shares acquired by reporting person on October 18, 2007 under the Ecolab Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
 Number of UNITS owned by the reporting person in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of September 30, 2007. Includes 138.116 UNITS acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 2,659.475 UNITS are equivalent to approximately 4,965 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- (3) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2002. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as 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 option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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