

ECOLAB INC  
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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 \*  
IANNUZZI LUCIANO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ECOLAB GMBH & CO.  
OHG, REISHOLZER  
WERFTSTRASSE 38-42

(Street)

DUESSELDORF, 2M D-40589

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2005

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)  
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2005		M		12,000	A	\$ 18.96
Common Stock	12/15/2005		M		12,000	A	\$ 24.34
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S		6,400	D	\$ 35.5
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S		2,500	D	\$ 35.51
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S		2,200	D	\$ 35.52
							17,600
							15,100
							12,900

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Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	3,100	D	\$ 35.53	9,800	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	200	D	\$ 35.54	9,600	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.55	9,300	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	200	D	\$ 35.56	9,100	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.57	8,800	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	800	D	\$ 35.59	8,000	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	7,000	D	\$ 35.6	1,000	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	300	D	\$ 35.61	700	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	600	D	\$ 35.62	100	D
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S	100	D	\$ 35.63	0	D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.96 (1)	12/15/2005		M	12,000 (1)	12/06/2002(1)	12/06/2011	Common Stock	12,000

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.34 <u>(2)</u>	12/15/2005	M	12,000 <u>(2)</u>	12/05/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/05/2012	Common Stock	12,0
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IANNUZZI LUCIANO ECOLAB GMBH & CO. OHG REISHOLZER WERFTSTRASSE 38-42 DUESSELDORF, 2M D-40589			EVP-Europe, Africa & M.E.	

## Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Luciano  
Iannuzzi

12/16/2005

\*\*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) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2001. The option was originally reported as covering 6,000 shares at an exercise price of \$37.92 but has been adjusted to reflect a stock split on June 6, 2003. The option became exercisable, cumulatively, as to one-third of the total shares subject to the option 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.

(2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2002. The option was originally reported as covering 16,000 shares at an exercise price of \$48.68 but has been adjusted to reflect a stock split on June 6, 2003. The option became exercisable, cumulatively, as to one-third of the total shares subject to the option 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.

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