

Beck Christophe  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Beck Christophe		(Month/Day/Year)	ECOLAB INC [ECL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/25/2009	
370 WABASHA STREET		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
NORTH		(Check all applicable)		
(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Executive V.P., Instit. NA		
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,075	D	Â
Common Stock	112.252 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 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 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/01/2017	Common Stock	37,000	\$ 43.065	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/05/2017	Common Stock	32,300	\$ 49.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	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	Â Executive V.P., Instit. NA	Â

## Signatures

David F. Duwick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Christophe Beck	09/02/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

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