ECOLAB INC Form 4 April 04, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HAMELMANN STEFAN

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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HEBBELSTRASSE 13

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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Person

below)

DUSSELDORF, 2M 40237 (City) (State)

(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of

Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

\$0

Common Stock

1.Title of

03/31/2006

194.83 A

5,113.24 (1)

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5.	6. Date Exercises Date Expiration Da		7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of	9. Nu Deriv
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monui/Day/Year)	(Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e s	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HAMELMANN STEFAN							
HEBBELSTRASSE 13	X						
DUSSELDORF, 2M 40237							

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stefan
Hamelmann

04/04/2006

**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 13.47 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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