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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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Section Form 4 of Form 5 obligation may con <i>See</i> Instr 1(b).	Filed pu ons tinue.	7(a) of the	Public U		e Securiti ling Com	ipany	Act of	e Act of 1934, 1935 or Sectior 0	burden hour response	•	
(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> JOHNSON JOEL W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION, 1 HORMEL			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2006					Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
PLACE		ILL									
	(Street)		Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
AUSTIN, N	AN 55912-3680							Form filed by M Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-E	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, if	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	09/30/2006			Code V A	Amount 173.89	(D) A	Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 41,973.34	D		
Common Stock	09/30/2006			А	411.55	А	\$ 43.13	42,485.61 <u>(1)</u>	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
JOHNSON JOEL W HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680	Х							
Signatures								
/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact	for Joel W	V.	10/0	02/2006				
**Signature of Reporting Person			Г	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).
- Includes 44.15 shares acquired by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan for shareholders of (1) Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, Inc. and 56.57 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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