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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 *

Henkel CORP

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2004

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2200 RENAISSANCE BLVD., Â SUITE 200, THE TRIAD

(Street)

X 10% Owner Director Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

GULPH MILLS, PAÂ 19406

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$1.00

29,333,328

 $\mathbf{D}^{(1)}$

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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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)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Price of Derivative Derivative

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Henkel CORP
2200 RENAISSANCE BLVD.
SUITE 200, THE TRIAD
GULPH MILLS, PAÂ 19406

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth R. Pina, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

12/28/2004

**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) Shares were acquired by reporting person effective December 15, 2004, pursuant to a merger of the reporting person with its wholly-owned subsidiary, HC Investments, Inc., which had previously been a reporting person with respect to these shares.

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