

DE SCHUTTER RICHARD U  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
DE SCHUTTER RICHARD U

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
733 RAVINE AVENUE  
(Street)

LAKE BLUFF, IL 60044-2625

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/19/2010

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/19/2010			M	1,950	A	\$ 29.29
Common Stock	04/19/2010			F(1)	1,263	D	\$ 45.22
Common Stock	04/19/2010			M	1,700	A	\$ 29.29
Common Stock	04/19/2010			F(1)	1,101	D	\$ 45.22

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.29	05/07/2004		M	1,950	05/07/2004 05/07/2014	Common Stock	1,950
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.22	04/19/2010		A	1,263	04/19/2010 05/07/2014	Common Stock	1,263
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.29	04/19/2010		M	1,700	05/07/2004 05/17/2014	Common Stock	1,700
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.22	04/19/2010		A	1,101	04/19/2010 05/07/2014	Common Stock	1,101

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DE SCHUTTER RICHARD U 733 RAVINE AVENUE LAKE BLUFF, IL 60044-2625		X		

## Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Richard U. DeSchutter

04/20/2010

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) Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price of the stock options issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 in each case by delivering shares of Ecolab common stock.

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