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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BAKER DOUGLAS M JR Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA 03/01/2005 below) STREET N. CEO & President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. PAUL, MN 55102 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(5)	(= ::::)	Table	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	f Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			d of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					()		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			C = V		or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	22 120 021		
Common	03/01/2005		F	7,325	D	\$	23,439.921	D	
Stock	03/01/2003		1	(1)	ט	31.855	(2)	Ъ	
Common									By Ecolab
							4,313.332 (3)	I	Savings
Stock									DI

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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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ing	Security	Secui
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

BAKER DOUGLAS M JR ECOLAB INC.

X CEO & President 370 WABASHA STREET N.

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas M. 03/02/2005 Baker, Jr.

> **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).
- Reflects the reporting person's withholding of shares from the vesting of a restricted stock award to satisfy withholding taxes in **(1)** accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Includes 45.531 shares acquired by reporting person on January 18, 2005 under teh Ecolab Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
 - Number of UNITS owned by the reporting person in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Eccolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of January 31,
- (3) 2005. Includes 47.819 UNITS acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 4,313.332 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 8,075.481 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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