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Subject to					ES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF ECURITIES				2005 average urs per . 0.5		
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(Print or Ty	pe Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BILLER LESLIE S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)				
(N				(Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2005			X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)				a	Person				
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Reminder:	Report on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities benet	ficially ow	ned directly (or indirectly				
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction of Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	D

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		5
				Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.57	05/06/2005		A	5,600	05/06/2005	05/06/2015	Common Stock	5,600	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
BILLER LESLIE S C/O GREENDALE CAPITAL LLC 10877 WILSHIRE BLVD., 17TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90024	Х				
Signatures					
/s/David F. Duvick, Power of Attorney for I Biller	05/09/2005				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person			Date		

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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