

ECOLAB INC  
Form 8-K  
May 09, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **May 5, 2006**

**ECOLAB SAVINGS PLAN AND ESOP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Not Applicable**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-09328**  
(Commission File Number)

**Not Applicable**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**370 Wabasha Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55102**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **651-293-2233**

**(Not applicable)**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13a-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a) On May 5, 2006, the Plan Administrator of the Ecolab Savings Plan and ESOP (the Plan) dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the independent auditor for the Plan. PwC will continue as the independent registered public accounting firm of Ecolab Inc.

The reports of PwC on the financial statements of the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle.

During the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004, and through May 5, 2006, the Plan had no disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of PwC, would have caused PwC to make reference thereto in its reports on the financial statements of the Plan for such years.

During the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 and through May 5, 2006, the Plan had no reportable events as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Plan provided PwC with a copy of the above disclosures and requested that PwC furnish the Plan with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements. A copy of PwC's letter, dated May 5, 2006, issued in connection with this report under Item 4.01 is attached as Exhibit (16) and incorporated by reference herein.

(b) On May 5, 2006, the Plan Administrator notified McGladrey & Pullen, LLP of its appointment as the Plan's independent auditor for the year ended December 31, 2005, effective upon execution of a mutually approved engagement agreement. The Plan had no occasions during the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004, and through May 5, 2006, upon which it has consulted with McGladrey & Pullen, LLP on any matters described in Item 304(a)(2)(i) and Item 304(a)(2)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

(16) Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC dated May 5, 2006.



SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECOLAB SAVINGS PLAN and ESOP

Date: May 9, 2006

By: /s/Diane A. Wigglesworth  
Diane A. Wigglesworth  
Its: Compensation Vice President,  
Ecolab Inc. (Plan Administrator)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description	Method Of Filing
(16)	Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC dated May 5, 2006.	Filed herewith electronically.