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(Print or Type	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> JOHNSON JOEL W			2. Issue	er Name an o	d Ticker or	Tradiı	ıg	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to				
			Symbol					Issuer				
			ECOLA	AB INC []	ECL]			(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(0	un approact	,		
			(Month/Day/Year)					X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
HORMEL	FOODS ATION, 1 HORM	1 FI	03/31/2	2006				below)	below)	er (specify		
PLACE	TION, I HOKW	IEL										
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
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AUSTIN, N	MN 55912-3680							Person		porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Dat	te 2A. Deen	ned	3.				5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year		n Date, if	Transactiom Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				Securities Beneficially Owned	Form: E	Indirect Popoficial		
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/D	ay/Year)							Beneficial Ownership		
			•					Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)		
						(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(I) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common	02/21/2000							40 540 20	D			
Stock	03/31/2006			А	194.83	А	\$0	40,549.26	D			
Common Stock	03/31/2006			А	415.38	А	\$ 38.495	41,075.98 <u>(1)</u>	D			

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director JOHNSON JOEL W HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION Х **1 HORMEL PLACE** AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680 Signatures /s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Joel W. 04/04/2006 Johnson **Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Includes 50.24 shares acquired by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan for shareholders of (1) Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, Inc. and 61.10 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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