

ECOLAB INC
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Registration No. 333-14771

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ECOLAB INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

41-0231510

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Ecolab Center
370 Wabasha Street North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
(651) 293-2233**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Kenneth A. Iverson
Vice President and Secretary
Ecolab Inc.
370 Wabasha Street North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
(651) 293-2125**

(Name and address, including zip code, and telephone
number, including area code, of agent for service)

On October 24, 1996, we filed our Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-14771, relating to our debt securities having an aggregate value of \$200,000,000 to be offered from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933. The Registration Statement was declared effective on November 18, 1996. As of the date of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, debt securities having a value of \$150,000,000 have been sold pursuant to the Registration Statement. We are filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to deregister the remaining \$50,000,000 of debt securities that remain unsold as of the date this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 is filed.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS.

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The following is a complete list of the exhibits filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Post-Effective Amendment:

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24.1	Powers of Attorney (filed herewith electronically).

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this amendment to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Saint Paul, State of Minnesota, on April 22, 2002.

ECOLAB INC.

By: /s/ ALLAN L. SCHUMAN

Allan L. Schuman
*Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed on April 22, 2002 by the following persons in the capacities indicated.

/s/ ALLAN L. SCHUMAN

Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

Allan L. Schuman

/s/ STEVEN L. FRTIZE

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Steven L. Fritze

/s/ DANIEL J. SCHMECHEL

Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

Daniel J. Schmechel

/s/ KENNETH A. IVERSON

Directors

Kenneth A. Iverson, as attorney-in-fact for
Les S. Biller, Jerry A. Grundhofer, Stefan
Hamelmann, James J. Howard, William L.
Jews, Joel W. Johnson, Ulrich Lehner, Jerry
W. Levin and Robert L. Lumpkins

Director not signing: Jochen Krautter

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