

ECOLAB INC  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 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)

**October 26, 2006**

**ECOLAB INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9328**

(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0231510**

(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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Item 8.01 Other Information.

On October 26, 2006, Ecolab announced Board of Director authorization to repurchase up to 10,000,000 additional shares of its common stock. The purchases will be conducted in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions from time-to-time, depending on market conditions, and in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Ecolab last increased its Stock Repurchase program in December 2004.

A copy of the News Release issued by Ecolab in connection with this report under Item 8.01 is attached as Exhibit (99) and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

(99) Ecolab Inc. News Release dated October 26, 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 INC.

Date: October 26, 2006

By: /s/Sarah Z. Erickson  
By: Sarah Z. Erickson  
Its: Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description                                      | Method Of Filing               |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| (99)        | Ecolab Inc. News Release dated October 26, 2006. | Filed herewith electronically. |

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