

ECOLAB INC  
Form 15-12B  
March 28, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER  
SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number **1-9328**

**Ecolab Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**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)

**Preferred Stock Purchase Rights**

**(which expired on March 13, 2006) (1)**

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share**

**Preferred Stock Purchase Rights (issued March 13, 2006) (2)**

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of the Statement)

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		Rule 15d-6	<input type="radio"/>

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: **None**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 *Ecolab Inc.* has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: **March 28, 2006**

By: **/s/ Timothy P. Dordell**

Name: Timothy P. Dordell

Title: Assistant Secretary

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- (1) The Preferred Stock Purchase Rights referenced herein (the 1996 Rights ) expired at the close of business on March 13, 2006, pursuant to the terms of the Rights Agreement, dated as of February 24, 1996, as amended from time to time, by and between the Registrant and Computershare Investor Services, LLC, as Rights Agent (the 1996 Rights Agreement ). The Registrant initially filed a Form 8-A to register the 1996 Rights on February 28, 1996, which Form 8-A was subsequently amended from time to time.
  - (2) The Preferred Stock Purchase Rights referenced herein (the 2006 Rights ), were issued pursuant to the Rights Agreement, dated as of February 24, 2006, by and between the Registrant and Computershare Investor Services, LLC, as Rights Agent. The Registrant filed a Form 8-A to register the 2006 Rights on February 28, 2006.

Instruction: This form is required by Rules 12g-4, 12h-3 and 15d-6 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The registrant shall file with the Commission three copies of Form 15, one of which shall be manually signed. It may be signed by an officer of the registrant, by counsel or by any other duly authorized person. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed under the signature.

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