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August 12, 2002

Mr. Jonathan Katz
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549

VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

Re: Order 4-460 Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Ecolab Inc.
File No. 1-9328

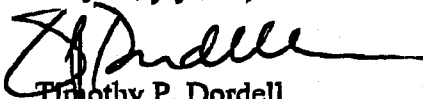
Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed for filing please find manually signed and notarized originals of the sworn statements of the principal executive officer, Mr. Allan L. Schuman, and the principal financial officer, Mr. Steven L. Fritze, of Ecolab Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed by date stamping the attached copy of this letter and returning it in the envelope provided.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (651) 293-2523.

Very truly yours,



Timothy P. Dordell
Associate General Counsel - Corporate
and Assistant Secretary

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cc: L. T. Bell
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A. L. Schuman

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Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings

I, Steven L. Fritze, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Ecolab Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Ecolab Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Ecolab Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Steven L. Fritze

Steven L. Fritze
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

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Date: August 12, 2002 AUG 12 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
12th day of August 2002.

T. Dordell
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/31/05

