

ECOLAB INC
Form 8-K
April 13, 2012

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) **April 10, 2012**

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 **1-800-232-6522**

(Not applicable)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 10, 2012, Ecolab Inc. (Ecolab) gave notice pursuant to Section 2.08 of the 364-Day Credit Agreement, dated as of September 8, 2011 (the Credit Agreement), by and among Ecolab, the lenders party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., as co-syndication agents, that Ecolab has elected to reduce the aggregate amount of the commitments under the Credit Agreement from \$2,000,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. The maximum amount of commercial paper that may be issued under Ecolab 's U.S. commercial paper program will be correspondingly reduced from \$3.5 billion to \$2.5 billion. The reduction of the commitments under the Credit Agreement and the reduction of the size of the U.S. commercial paper program become effective as of April 13, 2012. In all other respects, the Credit Agreement and the U.S. commercial paper program remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

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: April 13, 2012

By:

/s/ David F. Duwick
David F. Duwick
Assistant Secretary