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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ETTINGER JEFFREY M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC. [ECL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) C/O ECOLA WABASHA | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2016 | (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit corr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 09/30/2016 | | A | 205.96 | A | \$ 0 | 2,291.52 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/30/2016 | | A | 216.25 | A | \$ 121.385 | 2,512.53 <u>(1)</u> | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Tit | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr | . 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | Z.ici ciodole | 2 | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

ETTINGER JEFFREY M C/O ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102



Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey M. Ettinger

10/04/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Includes 4.76 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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