

ECOLAB INC.  
Form 8-K  
August 10, 2017

**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): **August 7, 2017**

**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.)

**1 Ecolab Place, 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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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The Notes were offered and sold pursuant to the Company's automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-201445) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which was filed and became effective on January 12, 2015. The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a prospectus supplement, dated August 7, 2017, together with the accompanying prospectus, dated January 12, 2015, relating to the offering and sale of the Notes.

The Underwriters and their affiliates have performed from time to time, and may in the future perform, various investment banking, commercial lending, financial advisory and other services for the Company for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. An affiliate of the Trustee acted as an Underwriter in connection with the issuance of the Notes.

The above description of the Underwriting Agreement, the Base Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture and the form of Notes is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, the Base

Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture and the Notes, each of which is incorporated herein by reference and are attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, respectively.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated August 7, 2017, by and among the Company, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.
Exhibit 4.1	Indenture, dated January 12, 2015, between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2015.
Exhibit 4.2	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated August 10, 2017, between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
Exhibit 4.3	Form of Note (included in Exhibit 4.2 above).
Exhibit 5.1	Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, dated August 10, 2017.
Exhibit 12	Statement regarding computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges.
Exhibit 23.1	Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above).

**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: August 10, 2017

By: /s/ David F. Duvick  
Name: David F. Duvick  
Title: Assistant Secretary

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