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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Beck Christophe		(Month/Day/Year)	ECOLAB INC [ECL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/20/2012	
370 WABASHA STREET				
NORTH				
(Street)				
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		
1. Title of Security		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Common Stock		2,575	D	Â
Common Stock		1,047.985 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 EVP and Regions President

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,575	D	Â
Common Stock	1,047.985 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/01/2017	Common Stock	37,000	\$ 43.065	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/05/2017	Common Stock	32,300	\$ 49.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/03/2018	Common Stock	45,900	\$ 35.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2010 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/02/2019	Common Stock	23,500	\$ 45.665	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2011 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/01/2020	Common Stock	25,100	\$ 48.055	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2012 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/01/2021	Common Stock	30,700	\$ 55.595	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Beck Christophe 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	Â EVP and Regions President	Â

## Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Christophe Beck

09/28/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of September 20, 2012. (The 1,047,985 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 1,948 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)
 

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan on June 1, 2007. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2007. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (3) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 3, 2008. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (4) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 3, 2008. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
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Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 2, 2009. The option will become exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

- (6) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 1, 2010. The option will become exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

- (7) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 1, 2011. The option will become exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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