

ECOLAB INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Taylor Stephen M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

370 WABASHA STREET NORTH

(Street)

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ECOLAB INC. [ECL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/10/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP and Pres. - Nalco Champion

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2016 | | M | | 9,600 | A | \$ 55.595 46,844 |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2016 | | F(1) | | 6,550 | D | \$ 122.805 40,294 |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2016 | | M | | 38,400 | A | \$ 55.595 78,694 |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2016 | | F(1) | | 26,200 | D | \$ 122.805 52,494 |
| Common Stock | 08/10/2016 | | M | | 32,600 | A | \$ 71.54 85,094 |

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Common Stock 08/10/2016 F⁽¹⁾ 24,699 D \$ 122.805 60,395 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 55.595 | 08/10/2016 | | M | 9,600 | 12/01/2012 ⁽²⁾ 12/01/2021 | Common Stock | 9,600 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 55.595 | 08/10/2016 | | M | 38,400 | 12/01/2014 12/01/2021 | Common Stock | 38,400 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 71.54 | 08/10/2016 | | M | 32,600 | 12/05/2013 ⁽³⁾ 12/05/2022 | Common Stock | 32,600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Taylor Stephen M 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102 | | | EVP and Pres. - Nalco Champion | |

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen M.
Taylor

08/12/2016

__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).
- (1) Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price and withholding taxes for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by delivering or withholding shares of Ecolab common stock.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 1, 2011. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative
- (2) 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.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2012. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative
- (3) 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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