ECOLAB INC Form 4 July 02, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HIGGINS ARTHUR J Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 06/30/2010 below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

(Zip)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

(State)

(City)

C/O ECOLAB INC., 370

WABASHA ST. N

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactioner Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(=======)	any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
(msu. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	· una ·	<i>.</i> ,	Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	06/30/2010		A	147.59	A	\$ 0	147.59	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2010		A	320.82	A	\$ 45.355	468.41	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)

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							Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HIGGINS ARTHUR J							
C/O ECOLAB INC.	X						
370 WABASHA ST. N	Λ						
ST. PAUL, MN 55102							

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur J.
Higgins
07/02/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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