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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Common

Stock

09/30/2011

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HIGGINS ARTHUR J		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]			g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O ECOLA WABASHA	AB INC., 370	3. Date of (Month/D 09/30/20	•	ansaction			X Director Officer (give below)	10%	Owner r (specify	
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Tabi	3.	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	es Acc	quired of (D)	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	
Common Stock	09/30/2011		A	216.48	A	\$ 0	8,296.87	D		

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

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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur J. 10/04/2011 Higgins

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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 7.81 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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