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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *BAKER DOUGLAS M JR | | | Symbol | | nd Ticker or Trading | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| (Last) | (First) | | | AB INC | [ECL] | | (Check | all applicable |) |
| ECOLAB STREET N | ` | | /Day/Year | | > | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO | | | |
| | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| ST. PAUL, MN 55102 | | | | | | Per | Form filed by Morson | re than One Rep | porting |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tal | ble I - Nor | n-Derivative Securities Ac | quire | ed, Disposed of, o | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. Transacti Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A orDisposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |

| 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 on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) | f (D) | uired (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------|---------------|--|---|---|
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2014 | | M | 100,000 | A | \$ 45.24 | 386,738.697 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2014 | | F(1) | 69,603 | D | \$ 109.485 | 317,660.046 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 12,415 | I | By wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 69,925 | I | By Douglas M. Baker, Jr. 2012 Irrevocable Trust |

Common Stock

5,313.729 (3) I

By Ecolab Savings Plan

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) | | | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----|---------|---|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amous Number Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 45.24 | 08/11/2014 | | M | | 100,000 | 12/06/2007(4) | 12/06/2016 | Common Stock | 100,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Fg | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| BAKER DOUGLAS M JR ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102 | X | | Chairman and CEO | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/Peter G. Westphal, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas M. Baker, Jr.

08/12/2014

**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 for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by delivering or withholding shares of Ecolab common stock.

(2)

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Includes 524.349 shares acquired on July 18, 2014, by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

- Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of July 31, 2014. Includes 12.97 UNITS (3) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 5,313.729 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 9,810 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2006. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative (4) 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 shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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