

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 \*  
SCHMECHEL DANIEL J

(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)  
02/24/2016

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)  
Chief Financial Officer

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	02/24/2016		A		5,030	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/24/2016		F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,700	D	\$ 100.465
Common Stock					2,779.213	I	<sup>(3)</sup>

By  
Ecolab  
Savings  
Plan

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHMECHEL DANIEL J 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Daniel J. Schmechel  
 02/26/2016  
 \*\*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 minimum statutory tax obligations by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock incident to the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.  
 The total includes 1.327 shares acquired on January 21, 2015, 1.534 shares acquired on April 20, 2015, 1.176 shares acquired on July 20, 2015, 1.121 shares acquired on October 20, 2015, and 1.409 shares acquired on January 21, 2016 by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, N.A. The total also includes 40 shares that were inadvertently omitted from the reporting person's Form 3 dated June 26, 2012 and subsequent reports.
- (2) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of January 31, 2016. Includes 9.483 UNITS
- (3) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 2,779.213 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 5,133 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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