

ECOLAB INC.
Form 4
March 17, 2017

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Berger Larry L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 ECOLAB PLACE

(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)
03/16/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Executive VP & CTO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock	03/16/2017		M	3,100	A \$ 48.055 36,210	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2017		F ⁽¹⁾	1,832	D \$ 125.055 34,378	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2017		M	13,000	A \$ 55.595 47,378	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2017		F ⁽¹⁾	9,071	D \$ 125.055 38,307	D	
Common Stock					69.269 ⁽²⁾	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)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.055	03/16/2017		M	3,100	12/01/2011 ⁽³⁾ 12/01/2020	Common Stock 3,100
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.595	03/16/2017		M	13,000	12/01/2012 ⁽³⁾ 12/01/2021	Common Stock 13,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Berger Larry L 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	Executive VP & CTO

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Larry L.
Berger

03/17/2017

____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.
- (2) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of February 28, 2017. The 69.269 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 128 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.
- (3) The option became exercisable, on a cumulative 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. The date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column represents the first anniversary date of the date of grant.

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