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

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1(b).

(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 Beck Christophe Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC. [ECL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title 1 ECOLAB PLACE 08/09/2018 below) EVP & Pres-Global Nalco Water (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit Dibror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (` ′	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	08/09/2018		M	2,500	A	\$ 45.665	27,649	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2018		M	12,400	A	\$ 48.055	40,049	D	
Common Stock	08/09/2018		S	14,900	D	\$ 148.331 (1)	25,149	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2018		M	10,600	A	\$ 48.055	35,749	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2018		S	10,600	D	\$ 147.124	25,149	D	

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Common	1 120 010 (3) I	Ecolab
Stock	1,120.919 (3) I	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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secu Acqu or D (D) (Inst	5. Number of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.665	08/09/2018		M		2,500	12/02/2010(4)	12/02/2019	Common Stock	2,5(
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.055	08/09/2018		M		12,400	12/01/2011(4)	12/01/2020	Common Stock	12,4
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.055	08/10/2018		M		10,600	12/01/2011 <u>(4)</u>	12/01/2020	Common Stock	10,6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
18	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

EVP & Pres-Global Nalco Water

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Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Christophe Beck

08/10/2018

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$148.00 to \$148.74, inclusive. The price reported above reflects (1) the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security
- holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

 This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$146.955 to \$147.32, inclusive. The price reported above reflects
- (2) the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of July 31, 2018. Includes 6.232 UNITS (3) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 1,120.919 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 2,060 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one (4) 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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