

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Taylor Stephen M

(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)  
08/10/2016

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)  
EVP and Pres. - Nalco Champion

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 or Price		
Common Stock	08/10/2016		M		9,600 A \$ 55.595	46,844	D
Common Stock	08/10/2016		F(1)		6,550 D \$ 122.805	40,294	D
Common Stock	08/10/2016		M		38,400 A \$ 55.595	78,694	D
Common Stock	08/10/2016		F(1)		26,200 D \$ 122.805	52,494	D
Common Stock	08/10/2016		M		32,600 A \$ 71.54	85,094	D

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Common Stock 08/10/2016 F<sup>(1)</sup> 24,699 D \$ 122.805 60,395 D

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.595	08/10/2016		M	9,600	12/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/01/2021	Common Stock	9,600
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.595	08/10/2016		M	38,400	12/01/2014 12/01/2021	Common Stock	38,400
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.54	08/10/2016		M	32,600	12/05/2013 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/05/2022	Common Stock	32,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Taylor Stephen M 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102			EVP and Pres. - Nalco Champion	

## Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen M.  
Taylor

08/12/2016

\_\_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 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.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 1, 2011. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative
- (2) 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 option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on December 5, 2012. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative
- (3) 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 option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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