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FORM 4

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BECK BARBARA			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC. [ECL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
~			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner		
C/O ECOLAB INC., 370			03/01/2017	Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
WABASHA	STREET NO	RTH		below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Person

(City)	(State)	(State) 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) ansaction Disposed of (D) de (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M	800	A	\$ 45.965	21,082.61	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F(1)	293	D	\$ 125.455	20,789.61	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M	4,200	A	\$ 45.965	24,898.61	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F(1)	1,538	D	\$ 125.455	23,451.61	D		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M	5,200	A	\$ 38.625	28,651.61	D		

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Common Stock	03/01/2017	F(1)	1,600	D	\$ 38.625	27,051.61	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017	M	4,500	A	\$ 47.475	31,551.61	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017	F(1)	1,702	D	\$ 47.475	29,849.61	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017	M	4,200	A	\$ 51.735	34,049.61	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017	F(1)	1,731	D	\$ 51.735	32,318.61	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 45.965	03/01/2017		M	800	08/01/2008(2)	05/02/2018	Common Stock	800
Common Stock	\$ 45.965	03/01/2017		M	4,200	08/01/2008(2)	05/02/2018	Common Stock	4,200
Common Stock	\$ 38.625	03/01/2017		M	5,200	08/07/2009(2)	05/08/2019	Common Stock	5,200
Common Stock	\$ 47.475	03/01/2017		M	4,500	08/05/2010(2)	05/06/2020	Common Stock	4,500
Common Stock	\$ 51.735	03/01/2017		M	4,200	08/04/2011(2)	05/05/2021	Common Stock	4,200

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BECK BARBARA C/O ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

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Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Barbara J. Beck

03/02/2017

**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.
- The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on the last day of each of the first, second and third three-month periods following its date of grant and as to the remaining shares on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant.

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