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FORM 4

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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 Adda Taylor Stepher	*	ng Person *	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 all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
1 ECOLAB PLACE			12/05/2017	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP and Pres Nalco Champion			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, 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)		esed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	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	12/05/2017		M	5,385	A	<u>(1)</u>	49,851	D	
Common Stock	12/05/2017		F(2)	2,053	D	\$ 137.527	47,798	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) cquired (Month/Day/Year) isposed of (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/05/2017		M	5,385	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,385	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Taylor Stephen M 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

EVP and Pres. - Nalco Champion

Signatures

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

12/07/2017

**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) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Reflects the reporting person's payment of minimum statutory tax obligations by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock incident to the vesting of restricted stock units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- On December 5, 2012, the reporting person was granted 21,540 restricted stock units, vesting as to 50% of the units on the third anniversary of the date of grant, 25% of the units on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant and 25% of the units on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant, subject to continued employment.

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