

ECOLAB INC.  
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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 \*  
Hickey Michael A

(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)  
11/20/2015

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)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/20/2015		M		10,000	A	\$ 45.24
							45,040.963
Common Stock	11/20/2015		S		10,000	D	\$ 118.517
							35,040.963
							(1)
Common Stock	11/23/2015		M		10,900	A	\$ 45.24
							45,940.963
Common Stock	11/23/2015		S		10,900	D	\$ 119.807
							35,040.963
							(2)
							3,890.76 (3)
							I

Common  
Stock

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.24	11/20/2015		M	10,000	12/06/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/06/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.24	11/23/2015		M	10,900	12/06/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/06/2016	Common Stock	10,900

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hickey Michael A  
370 WABASHA STREET NORTH  
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

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## Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-fact for Michael A. Hickey

11/24/2015

\_\_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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$118.50 to \$118.61. The price reported above reflects the  
(1) 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 \$119.750 to \$119.890. The price reported above reflects the  
(2) 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 October 31, 2015. Includes 44,589 UNITS  
(3) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 3,890,760 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 7,179 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan on December 6, 2006. The option became exercisable, on a cumulative  
(4) 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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