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

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANDLEY THOMAS W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	· · · · ·	(M 12	Statem Ionth/D 2/31/2	Fiscal Year Ended			(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specifically)) below)					
STREET N.	NC., 370 WAB <i>i</i>	ASHA						President and COO				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting					
							(check applicable line)					
ST. PAUL, MN 55102							_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-Der	ivative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	iired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution (Instr. 3) any		med 3. Transaction Code Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned at end Indirect (I)		Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
					Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/17/2014	Â		G	238	D	\$0	30,450	D	Â		
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	35,079.155	I	By GRAT No. 1		
Common Stock	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	541.794 (1)	I	By Ecolab Savings Plan		

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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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exerc Expiration Day/ (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title Amount Underly Securities	t of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
	Derivative Security			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Number		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HANDLEY THOMAS W ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	President and COO	Â			

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas W. Handley 02/13/2015

**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).

Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of December 31, 2014. Includes 0.087 UNITS (1) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 541.794 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 1,000 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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