

ECOLAB INC.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEVIN JERRY W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ECOLAB INC., 1 ECOLAB PLACE

(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)
03/03/2017

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | M | A | \$ 104.85 | 34,920.96 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 125.155 | 32,910.96 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | M | A | \$ 112.745 | 35,110.96 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 125.155 | 33,129.96 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | M | A | \$ 115.075 | 34,854.96 | D |

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Common Stock 03/03/2017 F⁽¹⁾ 1,586 D \$ 125.155 33,268.96 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 104.85 | 03/03/2017 | | M | 2,400 | 08/08/2014 ⁽²⁾ 05/08/2024 | Common Stock |
| Non-Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 112.745 | 03/03/2017 | | M | 2,200 | 08/07/2015 ⁽²⁾ 05/07/2025 | Common Stock |
| Non-Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 115.075 | 03/03/2017 | | M | 1,725 | 08/05/2016 ⁽³⁾ 05/05/2026 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEVIN JERRY W C/O ECOLAB INC. 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Jerry W. Levin 03/07/2017

__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) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 the remaining shares will become exercisable on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant; provided, however, that if a Change in Control of the Company (as that term is defined in the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan) will occur, then the option will become immediately exercisable in full.

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