

ECOLAB INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HANDLEY THOMAS W**

(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)  
**12/02/2015**

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)  
**President and COO**

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	19,177.155 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By GRAT No. 1
Common Stock	05/05/2015		G	V 187 D \$ 0	1,000.664 <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2) (3)</u>	D	
Common Stock					51,775 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By GRAT No. 2
Common Stock					548.044 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 119.12	12/02/2015		A	38,452	12/02/2016 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/02/2025	Common Stock 38,452

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HANDLEY THOMAS W 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102			President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas W. Handley  
 \*\*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) The reporting person is trustee and sole annuitant of GRAT No. 1, a grantor retained annuity trust. On March 9, 2015, GRAT No. 1 distributed 15,902 shares of Ecolab Inc. common stock out of the 35,079.155 shares then held by GRAT No. 1 to the reporting person as an annuity payment.
  - (2) Includes 98.664 shares acquired by the reporting person on April 15, 2015, by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
  - (3) The reporting person is trustee and sole annuitant of GRAT No. 2, a grantor retained annuity trust. On June 9, 2015, the reporting person contributed 51,775 shares of Ecolab Inc. common stock to GRAT No. 2.

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(4) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of November 30, 2015. Includes 4,501 UNITS acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 548,044 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 1,011 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

(5) The option will be exercisable, on a cumulative 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 shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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