

Taylor Stephen M
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Taylor Stephen M

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)
 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/05/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	6,272	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)

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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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.54	12/05/2012		A	32,600	12/05/2013 ⁽¹⁾	12/05/2022	Common Stock	32,600
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.54	12/05/2012		A	97,900	12/05/2015	12/05/2022	Common Stock	97,900
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/05/2012		A	21,540	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	21,540

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Taylor Stephen M 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD NAPERVILLE, IL 60563	EVP and Pres. - Global Energy

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen M. Taylor	12/07/2012
**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 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.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ecolab Inc. common stock. The units will vest, subject to continued employment, as to 50% of the grant amount on the third anniversary of the date of grant, 25% of the grant amount on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant and 25% of the grant amount on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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