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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Berger Larry L Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title _ 370 WABASHA STREET N 12/03/2014 below) Executive VP & CTO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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					24,307	D					
Common Stock					67.452 <u>(1)</u>	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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	tive Expiration Date ies (Month/Day/Year) ed (A) oosed of		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 107.685	12/03/2014		A	12,235	12/03/2015(2)	12/03/2024	Common Stock	12,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Berger Larry L 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

Executive VP & CTO

12/05/2014

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Larry L. Berger

**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 November 30, 2014. Includes 0.171 UNITS (1) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 67.452 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 125 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- The option will be exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one (2) 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

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