

LEVIN JERRY W  
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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

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)  
J. W. LEVIN PARTNERS, LLC, 9  
WEST 57TH STREET, 26TH  
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/19/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/19/2011		M	4,328 A	\$ 17.745	42,807.78	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.745 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/19/2011		M	4,328 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/01/2001 11/01/2011	Common Stock	4,328 <sup>(1)</sup>

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEVIN JERRY W J. W. LEVIN PARTNERS, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	X			

### Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Jerry Levin 09/20/2011

\*\*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) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. The option was originally reported as a grant of 2,164 shares at a price of \$35.49 per share, and was adjusted following the company's two-for-one stock split paid June 6, 2003.
- (2) The option was granted in lieu of \$19,194.36 of non-employee director compensation earned by the reporting person over the period from May 12, 2001 to October 31, 2001.

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