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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Meyer Michael L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/05/2013

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N

(State)

(Zip)

below) Executive VP - Human Resources 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City)

Stock

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly 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 Acquired (A) our 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	03/05/2013		S	2,895 D \$ 77.1595	15,264	D	
Common					71 074 (1)	T	By Ecolab

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $71.974 \stackrel{(1)}{=}$

Savings

Plan

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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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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Meyer Michael L ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

Executive VP - Human Resources

Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Michael L. Meyer

03/06/2013

**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 February 28, 2013. (The 71.974 UNITS are the equivalent of approximtely 134 shares of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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