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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION								OMB APPROVAL		
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subject t Section Form 4 o	STATEN 16. or									
Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type	Responses)									
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
							(Check all applicable)			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2013				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	(Street)	Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ST. PAUL,	MN 55102						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/	Code	f Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) 	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Com			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/31/2013		А	174.02	А	\$0	13,450.38	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2013		А	240.03	А	\$ 104.155	13,708.43 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HIGGINS ARTHUR J C/O ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA ST. N ST. PAUL, MN 55102	Х						
Signatures							
David F. Duvick, as Attorney-i Higgins	n-Fact for	r Arthur J.		01			

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Includes 18.02 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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