

ECOLAB INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10019**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ECOLAB INC [ECL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/05/2014**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/05/2014		M	5,200 A \$ 38.625	34,273.54 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2014		F <sup>(1)</sup>	1,833 D \$ 109.53	32,440.54	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2014		M	4,500 A \$ 47.475	36,940.54	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2014		F <sup>(1)</sup>	1,950 D \$ 109.53	34,990.54	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. 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)	\$ 38.625	03/05/2014		M	5,200	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/08/2019	Common Stock	5,200
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.475	03/05/2014		M	4,500	<sup>(3)</sup> 05/06/2020	Common Stock	4,500

## 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

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## Signatures

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

03/06/2014

\_\_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)

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Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by delivering or withholding shares of Ecolab common stock.

- (2) This option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on the last day of each of the first, second and third three-month periods following its grant on 05/08/2009 and as to the remaining shares on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant.

- (3) This option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on the last day of each of the first, second and third three-month periods following its grant on 05/06/2010 and as to the remaining shares on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant.

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