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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 * LEVIN JERRY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) ECOLAB INC [ECL]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2013

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

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	(A)	d of (D) 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	05/03/2013		Code V S	Amount 5,421	(D)	Price \$ 84.907 (1)	28,286.19	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2013		M	6,700	A	\$ 29.29	34,986.19	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2013		F(2)	2,303	D	\$ 85.205	32,683.19	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2013		M	5,600	A	\$ 32.57	38,283.19	D	
	05/03/2013		F(2)	2,140	D		36,143.19	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 85.205		
Common Stock	05/03/2013	M	5,086	A	\$ 31.945	41,229.19	D
Common Stock	05/03/2013	F(2)	1,906	D	\$ 85.205	39,323.19	D
Common Stock	05/03/2013	M	4,800	A	\$ 37.905	44,123.19	D
Common Stock	05/03/2013	F(2)	2,135	D	\$ 85.205	41,988.19	D
Common Stock	05/03/2013	M	4,300	A	\$ 42.905	46,288.19	D
Common Stock	05/03/2013	F(2)	2,165	D	\$ 85.205	44,123.19	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)	orDerivation Securities Acquired Disposed	erivative Expiration Date Underlecurities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 2 cquired (A) or isposed of (D) nstr. 3, 4, and		Expiration Date		itle and Amour erlying Securit tr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 84.265	05/02/2013		A	3,200		08/02/2013(3)	05/02/2023	Common Stock	3,2	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.29	05/03/2013		M		6,700	05/07/2004	05/07/2014	Common Stock	6,7	
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 32.57	05/03/2013		M		5,600	05/06/2005	05/06/2015	Common Stock	5,6	

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Buy)								
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.945	05/03/2013	M	5,086	08/30/2005	05/07/2014	Common Stock	5,0
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.905	05/03/2013	M	4,800	05/12/2006	05/12/2016	Common Stock	4,80
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.905	05/03/2013	M	4,300	05/04/2007	05/04/2017	Common Stock	4,30

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FG ,	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

05/06/2013

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$84.90 to \$84.95. The price reported above reflects the weighted (1) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) 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.
 - The option will become 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 date of grant and as to the remaining shares
- (3) on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant; provided, however, that if a Change in Control of the Company (as that term is defined in the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan) will occur, then the option will become immediately exercisable in full.

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