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# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Aronson Martha Goldberg |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                            |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                     | ••  |  |  |  |
| 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH  |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/01/2015                                      | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & PresGlobal Healthcare          |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che-<br>Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |  |  |
| SAINT PAUL, MN 55102  |         |          |   | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |        |                  |  |   |   |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                            | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |        |                  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |  |
|                                      |   |  | Code V  | Amount | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price  | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)               | (Instr. 4)  |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 08/01/2015                              |  | M   | 2,480  | A                | \$0  | 4,772   | D   |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 08/01/2015                              |  | F(1)  | 834    | D                | \$<br>116.26   | 3,938   | D   |   |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |  |   |        |                  |  | 4,000   | I   | By Martha<br>G. Aronson<br>Revocable<br>Trust |  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number iom Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | ative Expiration Date  s (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. P<br>Der<br>Sec<br>(Ins |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | 7 (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable                       | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                            |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | <u>(2)</u>  | 08/01/2015                              |   | M                                     | 2,480  | (2)                                       | (2)                | Common<br>Stock   | 2,480                                  |                            |

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Aronson Martha Goldberg 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

EVP & Pres.-Global Healthcare

### **Signatures**

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Martha Goldberg Aronson

08/04/2015

\*\*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) Reflects the reporting person's payment of minimum statutory tax obligations by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock incident to the vesting of restricted stock units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- Award granted under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on August 1, 2012. Each restricted stock unit was the economic equivalent of one (2) share of Ecolab Common Stock and was settled for an equivalent number of shares of Ecolab Common Stock. The units vested, as to 2,480 units on the second anniversary of the date of grant and as to the remaining 2,480 units on August 1, 2015.

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