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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Adjohnson J	•	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
THE HORMEL FOUNDATION, 301 N. MAIN STREET		MAIN	(Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2012	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group F				
AUSTIN, MN 55912			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Owned									
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of ip Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership	
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported	(I)		
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	09/30/2012		A	193.07	A	\$ 0	107,385.71	D		
Common Stock	09/30/2012		A	463.36	A	\$ 64.745	108,163.03 (1)	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	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable 1	Date		Number		
				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director JOHNSON JOEL W THE HORMEL FOUNDATION X 301 N. MAIN STREET

Signatures

AUSTIN, MN 55912

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Joel W. 10/02/2012 Johnson

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).

Includes 191.66 shares acquired July 19, 2012 by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of (1) Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, Inc. plus 122.30 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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