

JOHNSON JOEL W  
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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 \*  
JOHNSON JOEL W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE HORMEL  
FOUNDATION, 301 N. MAIN  
STREET

(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/06/2012

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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M		4,282 A \$ 42.905	112,445.03	D
Common Stock	12/06/2012		F(1)		2,559 D \$ 71.775	109,886.03	D
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M		1,627 A \$ 59.67	111,513.03	D
Common Stock	12/06/2012		F(1)		1,352 D \$ 71.775	110,161.03	D
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M		2,390 A \$ 59.67	112,551.03	D

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Common Stock 12/06/2012 F(1) 1,986 D \$ 71.775 110,755.56 (2) 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)	\$ 42.905	12/06/2012		M	4,282	05/04/2007 05/09/2013	Common Stock	4,282
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 59.67	12/06/2012		M	1,627	03/15/2012 05/09/2013	Common Stock	1,627
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 59.67	12/06/2012		M	2,390	03/15/2012 11/01/2013	Common Stock	2,390

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON JOEL W  
THE HORMEL FOUNDATION  
301 N. MAIN STREET  
AUSTIN, MN 55912

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## Signatures

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

12/07/2012

\_\_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 the exercise price and withholding taxes for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by delivering or withholding shares of Ecolab common stock.
- (2) Includes 190.53 shares acquired October 28, 2012 by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, Inc.

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