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| April 02, 201 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FORM | 4 UNITED | STATES | SECUR | ITIFS A | ND FXC | HAN | JGE (| COMMISSION | r | PPROVAL | | |
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| Form 5 obligatior may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b). | inue. Section 17(| a) of the F | Public Ut | | ing Com | pany | Act of | e Act of 1934, f 1935 or Sectio 40 | 'n | | | |
| (Print or Type R | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LUMPKINS ROBERT L | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (M | Middle) | 3. Date of | Earliest Tra | ansaction | | | (Chec | k an applicable) | | | |
| ECOLAB IN STREET N | NC., 370 WABA | | (Month/D 03/31/20 | - | | | | X Director Officer (give below) | | o Owner er (specify | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| SAINT PAU | JL, MN 55102 | | Filed(Mon | th/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Form filed by M | | | | |
| (City) | | (Zip) | T - 1, 1 | I N. D | | | • | Person | e | | | |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | | | e I - Non-Do 3. | | | - | uired, Disposed of 5. Amount of | f, or Beneficial 6. Ownership | - | | |
| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution any (Month/E | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) | | | Beneficially Owned | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2013 | | | G | 1,522 | D | \$ 0 | 3,162 | Ι | By Grantor Retained Annuity Trust | | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2013 | | | G | 1,522 | А | \$0 | 66,074.17 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2013 | | | А | 227.96 | А | \$0 | 66,302.13 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | e Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| LUMPKINS ROBERT L ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N SAINT PAUL, MN 55102 | Х | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert L. Lumpkins

**Signature of Reporting Person

04/02/2013

Explanation of Responses:

Date

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v). *

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