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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
ETTINGER IEFFREY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ECOLAB INC. [ECL]

(Check all applicable)

C/O ECOLAB INC., 370

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

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

WABASHA STREET NORTH

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2015

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition of Dispose (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	ed of ((D)	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	12/31/2015		A	216.91	A	\$ 0	959.09	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2015		A	227.76	A	\$ 115.255	1,187.6 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

ETTINGER JEFFREY M C/O ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102



Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey M. Ettinger

01/05/2016

**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).
- Includes 0.75 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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