#### HANDLEY THOMAS W

Form 4

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### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HANDLEY THOMAS W			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	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
1 ECOLAB PLACE			09/18/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				President and COO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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#### (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 2016 08/31/2018 G V 4,127 D \$0 $4,127 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Ι Stock **GRAT** By child Common 08/31/2018 G V 4,127 \$0 7,403 I A Stock #1 trust Common By 2016 \$0 0 Ι 08/31/2018 G V 4,127 D Stock **GRAT** Common By child \$0 08/31/2018 V 4,127 A 7,403 Ι Stock #2 trust Common 155,012,819 09/18/2018 M 42,300 D 55.595 Stock (1)

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 $F_{\underline{(2)}}$  27,477 D  $^{\$}_{156.22}$  127,535.819 D Common 09/18/2018 Stock By Common Ecolab 565.985 (3) I Stock Savings Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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)	Code	5. Number of corderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.595	09/18/2018		M	42,300	12/01/2012(4)	12/01/2021	Common Stock	42,3

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
<b></b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HANDLEY THOMAS W 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102			President and COO		

### **Signatures**

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas W. 09/20/2018 Handley \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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# **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).
- The reporting person is trustee and sole annuitant of the 2016 GRAT, a grantor retained annuity trust. On August 17, 2018, the 2018 (1) GRAT distributed 31,847.155 shares of the issuer's common stock out of the 40,101.155 shares then held by the 2016 GRAT to the reporting person as an annuity payment.
- (2) 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.
- Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of August 31, 2018. Includes 3.146 UNITS (3) acquired since the reporting person's last report. (The 565.985 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 1,039 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- The option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one (4) share), on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant and as to the remaining shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant. The date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column represents the first anniversary date of the date of grant.

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