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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Pe Wyant Jill S	Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Mi	ECOLAB INC [ECL] ddle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
370 WABASHA STREET N.	(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2012	Director 10% Owner Nofficer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP & Pres Global F&B		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec		
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Z	ip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	cauired Disposed of or Reneficially Owne		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or (D) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock						0	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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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 orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.54	12/05/2012		A	16,300	12/05/2013(1)	12/05/2022	Common Stock	16,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wyant Jill S

370 WABASHA STREET N. EVP & Pres. - Global F&B SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jill S.

Wyant 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).
- The option will be exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one 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.

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