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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * REICH VICTORIA		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
C/O ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET N.			12/31/2	•				Officer (give title below) — 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Ame	ndment, D	ate Origina	l		6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Filin	ıg(Check	
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ST. PAUL,	MIN 55102							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	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	12/31/2012			A	175.76	A	\$0	7,909.75	D		
Common Stock	12/31/2012			A	386.67	A	\$ 71.12	8,342.57 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock								1,000	I	held by the Robert Reich Trust	
Reminder: Rej	port on a separate	line for each o	class of secu	rities bene	ficially owr	ned dir	ectly or in	ndirectly.			

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Or		
						Exercisable	Date				
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REICH VICTORIA
C/O ECOLAB INC.
370 WABASHA STREET N.
ST. PAUL, MN 55102

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Victoria Reich

01/03/2013

**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) Includes 46.15 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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