

Brown Darrell R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Brown Darrell R		(Month/Day/Year)	ECOLAB INC. [ECL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		01/01/2018		
ECOLAB PLACE 1			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
ST. PAUL,Â MNÂ 55102			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			EVP & Pres. - Energy Services	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,256	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2009 ⁽¹⁾	12/03/2018	Common Stock	8,300	\$ 35.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2010 ⁽¹⁾	12/02/2019	Common Stock	3,500	\$ 45.665	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2016 ⁽²⁾	12/02/2025	Common Stock	30,762	\$ 119.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2017 ⁽²⁾	12/07/2026	Common Stock	15,889	\$ 117.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2018 ⁽²⁾	12/06/2027	Common Stock	17,274	\$ 137.087	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	05/03/2022	05/03/2022	Common Stock	2,800	\$ ⁽³⁾	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Brown Darrell R ECOLAB PLACE 1 ST. PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	Â EVP & Pres. - Energy Services	Â

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Darrell R. Brown

01/10/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. The option became 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 option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant. The date listed is the first anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (2) Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. The option becomes 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 option shares on the third anniversary of the date of grant. The date listed is the first anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ecolab Inc. common stock. The units will vest, subject to continued employment, as to 100% of the grant amount on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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