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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Inchaustegui Roberto			2. Issuer Name and 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	(===== un uppricuere)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
1 ECOLAB PLACE			03/14/2018	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(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		
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y 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. Securities Acquired (A) tiomr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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	03/14/2018		Code V M	Amount 4,800	(D)	Price \$ 45.665	· ·	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2018		S	4,800	D	\$ 137.434	22,602	D	
Common Stock							1,620.173 (1)	I	By Ecolab Savings

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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	vative Expiration Date es (Month/Day/Year) d		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Employee				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 45.665	03/14/2018		M	4,800	12/02/2010(2)	12/02/2019	Common Stock	4,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Inchaustegui Roberto 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

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Signatures

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/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Roberto Inchaustegui

03/16/2018

**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) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of February 28, 2018. (The 1,620.173 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 2,980 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 (2) 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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