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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ECOLAB INC. [ECL] Busch Angela M (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1 ECOLAB PLACE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) SAINT PAUL, MNÂ 55102 Form filed by More than One SVP - Corporate Development Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â 17,970 Common Stock 1,284.986 (1) I By Ecolab Savings Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

owned directly or indirectly.

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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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of Derivative	Derivative Security:	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2009(2)	12/03/2018	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 35.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2011(2)	12/01/2020	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 48.055	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2012(3)	12/01/2021	Common Stock	13,400	\$ 55.595	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2013(3)	12/05/2022	Common Stock	9,800	\$ 71.54	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/04/2014(3)	12/04/2023	Common Stock	6,460	\$ 103.265	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2015(3)	12/03/2024	Common Stock	6,118	\$ 107.685	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2016(3)	12/02/2025	Common Stock	7,690	\$ 119.12	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/07/2017(3)	12/07/2026	Common Stock	7,944	\$ 117.73	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2018(3)	12/06/2027	Common Stock	6,910	\$ 137.087	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Busch Angela M 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102	Â	Â	SVP - Corporate Development	Â	

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Angela M.
Busch
05/14/2018

**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) Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of April 30, 2018. (The 1,284.986 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 2,361 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)
- 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.

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Option granted under the Ecolab Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. The option became or 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.

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