

SEIFERT JAMES J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SEIFERT JAMES J

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)
 ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA ST. N
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/05/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Ex.VP, Gen. Counsel & Secy.

ST. PAUL, MN 55102

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 25,444 | 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 Derivative 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 71.54 | 12/05/2012 | | A | 22,800 | 12/05/2013 ⁽¹⁾ 12/05/2022 | Common Stock | 22,800 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|---|
| SEIFERT JAMES J ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA ST. N ST. PAUL, MN 55102 | Director 10% Owner Officer Ex.VP, Gen. Counsel & Secy. |

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for James J. Seifert
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).

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The option will be exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to one-third of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one (1) 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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