

Taylor Stephen M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Taylor Stephen M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD  
 (Street)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ECOLAB INC [ECL]

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP and Pres. - Global Energy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	6,272	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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.54	12/05/2012		A	32,600	12/05/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/05/2022	Common Stock	32,600
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.54	12/05/2012		A	97,900	12/05/2015 12/05/2022	Common Stock	97,900
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/05/2012		A	21,540	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	21,540

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Taylor Stephen M 1601 WEST DIEHL ROAD NAPERVILLE, IL 60563			EVP and Pres. - Global Energy	

## Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen M. Taylor  
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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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.

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ecolab Inc. common stock. The units will vest, subject to (2) continued employment, as to 50% of the grant amount on the third anniversary of the date of grant, 25% of the grant amount on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant and 25% of the grant amount on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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