

ECOLAB INC
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BAKER DOUGLAS M JR
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

ST. PAUL, MN 55102
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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) (A) or (D) Amount Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/21/2012	Â	G	28,000 D \$ 0	277,079.519	D	Â
Common Stock	12/24/2012	Â	G ⁽¹⁾	69,925 D \$ 0	208,138.419 ⁽²⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	12/21/2012	Â	G	70,900 D \$ 0	25,500	I	By wife
Common Stock	12/24/2012	Â	G ⁽¹⁾	69,925 A \$ 0	69,925	I	By Douglas M. Baker, Jr. 2012

Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	5,216.822	I	Irrevocable Trust By Ecolab Savings Plan
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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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D B O E I S F I (I
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAKER DOUGLAS M JR ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET N. ST. PAUL, MN 55102	^ X	^	^ Chairman and CEO	^

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas M. Baker, Jr. 02/01/2013

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) Gift by reporting person to a trust whose holdings are attributable to the reporting person.
- (2) Includes 983.9 shares acquired on January 3, 2013 by dividend reinvestment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for shareholders of Ecolab sponsored by Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

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