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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Beck Christophe Issuer Symbol ECOLAB INC. [ECL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1 ECOLAB PLACE 03/09/2018 below) EVP & Pres-Global Nalco Water (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting SAINT PAUL, MN 55102 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common $F^{(1)}$ 03/09/2018 1,654 D 25,149 D Stock 131.18 By Ecolab Common

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Savings

Plan

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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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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Beck Christophe 1 ECOLAB PLACE SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

EVP & Pres-Global Nalco Water

Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-In-Fact for Christophe Beck

03/13/2018

**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).
- Reflects the reporting person's payment of minimum statutory tax obligations by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock incident to **(1)** the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- Number of UNITS in the Ecolab Stock Fund of the Ecolab Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) as of February 28, 2018. (The 1,114.687 UNITS are the equivalent of approximately 2,050 SHARES of the issuer's Common Stock.)

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