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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HIGGINS ARTHUR J

(Zip)

(First) (Middle)

C/O ECOLAB INC., 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ECOLAB INC. [ECL]

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

09/30/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 7. Nature of 3. 5. Amount of Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 09/30/2016 205.96 \$ 0 D Α Α 18,489.92 Stock Common 09/30/2016 216.25 A 18,743.26 (1) D Α Stock

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

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

HIGGINS ARTHUR J C/O ECOLAB INC. 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102



Signatures

/s/ David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur J. Higgins

10/04/2016

**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).
- Includes 37.09 shares acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Ecolab Inc. 2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option and Deferred Compensation Plan.

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