ECOLAB INC Form 4 March 06, 2014

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LEVIN JERRY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ECOLAB INC [ECL]

(Check all applicable)

J. W. LEVIN PARTNERS, LLC, 9

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2014

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

WEST 57TH STREET, 26TH **FLOOR**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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NEW YORK, NY 10019

(State)

	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Deficiciany 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)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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	03/05/2014		Code V M	Amount 5,200	(D)	Price \$ 38.625	34,273.54 <u>(1)</u>	D			
Common Stock	03/05/2014		F <u>(1)</u>	1,833	D	\$ 109.53	32,440.54	D			
Common Stock	03/05/2014		M	4,500	A	\$ 47.475	36,940.54	D			
Common Stock	03/05/2014		F <u>(1)</u>	1,950	D	\$ 109.53	34,990.54	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)

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.625	03/05/2014		M	:	5,200	(2)	05/08/2019	Common Stock	5,200
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.475	03/05/2014		M		4,500	(3)	05/06/2020	Common Stock	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEVIN JERRY W J. W. LEVIN PARTNERS, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019



Signatures

/s/David F. Duvick, Attorney-in-Fact for Jerry
Levin 03/06/2014

**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).

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Reflects the reporting person's payment of the exercise price for a stock option issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3 by delivering or withholding shares of Ecolab common stock.

- This option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on the last day of each of the first, second and third three-month periods following its grant on 05/08/2009 and as to the remaining shares on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant.
- This option became exercisable, on a cumulative basis, as to 25% of the option shares (excluding any fractional portion less than one share), on the last day of each of the first, second and third three-month periods following its grant on 05/06/2010 and as to the remaining shares on the last day of the fourth three-month period following its date of grant.

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