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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Aronson Martha Goldberg			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECOLAB INC [ECL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
370 WABASHA STREET NORTH			(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2014	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP & PresGlobal Healthcare			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SAINT PAUL, MN 55102				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/01/2014		M	2,480	A	\$ 0	4,126	D		
Common Stock	08/01/2014		F(1)	834	D	\$ 107.975	3,292	D		
Common Stock							4,000	I	By Martha G. Aronson Revocable Trust	

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

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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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number ion Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) quired or sposed of str. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	08/01/2014		M	2,480	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,480	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Aronson Martha Goldberg 370 WABASHA STREET NORTH SAINT PAUL, MN 55102

EVP & Pres.-Global Healthcare

Signatures

David F. Duvick, as Attorney-in-Fact for Martha Goldberg
Aronson

08/05/2014

**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).
- (1) Reflects the reporting person's payment of minimum statutory tax obligations by withholding shares of Ecolab Common Stock incident to the vesting of restricted stock units in accordance with Rule 16b-3.
- Award granted under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan on August 1, 2012. Each restricted stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of Ecolab Common Stock and was settled for an equivalent number of shares of Ecolab Common Stock. The units vest, subject to continued employment, as to 2,480 units on the second anniversary of the date of grant and as to the remaining 2,480 units on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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