

LEVIN JERRY W  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)

J. W. LEVIN PARTNERS, LLC, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 26TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/03/2012

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/03/2012		M		1,062 A \$ 31.945	34,194.13	D
Common Stock	12/03/2012		M		4,844 A \$ 31.945	39,038.13	D
Common Stock	12/05/2012		S		5,906 D \$ 71.3196	33,132.13	D

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

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