#### **GATES WILLIAM H III**

Form 4

March 14, 2018

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **GATES WILLIAM H III** 

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

ECOLAB INC. [ECL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

ONE MICROSOFT WAY

(Month/Day/Year)

03/12/2018

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

#### REDMOND, WA 98052

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie onDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D)	uired (A) or Price	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	03/12/2018		P	20,540	A	\$ 136.9232 (1)	29,845,595	I	by Casacde Investment, L.L.C.		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		P	79,460	A	\$ 135.8657 (2)	29,925,055	I	by Casacde Investment, L.L.C.		
Common Stock	03/13/2018		P	23,788	A	\$ 137.2432 (3)	29,948,843	I	by Casacde Investment, L.L.C.		
Common Stock	03/13/2018		P	245,212	A	\$ 136.6484 (4)	30,194,055	I	by Casacde Investment, L.L.C.		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.		6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transa	ctionNu	mber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
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				Code	V (A)	(D)				Shares	

### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GATES WILLIAM H III ONE MICROSOFT WAY REDMOND, WA 98052		X					
CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C. 2365 CARILLON POINT KIRKLAND, WA 98033		X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Alan Heuberger, Attorney-in-fact for William H. Gates III

03/14/2018

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Cascade Investment, L.L.C. by Alan Heuberger as attorney-in-fact for Michael Larson, Business Manager

03/14/2018

\*\*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).
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security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

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- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$137.1700 to \$137.2650. The price set forth above reflects the weighted-average price per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$136.1700 to \$137.1600. The price set forth above reflects the weighted-average price per share. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

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