

ECOLAB INC.  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **February 23, 2016**

**ECOLAB INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9328**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0231510**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**370 Wabasha Street North, Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55102**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **1-800-232-6522**

**(Not applicable)**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2016, Ecolab Inc. ( Ecolab ) announced earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the (i) News Release issued by Ecolab in connection with this report under Item 2.02 is furnished and attached as Exhibit (99.1), (ii) Supplemental Data to be used in connection with the conference call to be held discussing the fourth quarter results is furnished and attached as Exhibit (99.2), and (iii) Supplemental Discussion and related materials to be used in such conference call is furnished and attached as Exhibit (99.3), each of which is incorporated by reference herein. Ecolab also will publish the attached exhibits on its website located at [www.ecolab.com](http://www.ecolab.com).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and should not be deemed to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(99.1) Ecolab Inc. News Release dated February 23, 2016.

(99.2) Supplemental Data for Fourth Quarter dated February 23, 2016.

(99.3) Supplemental Discussion for Fourth Quarter dated February 23, 2016.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECOLAB INC.

Date: February 23, 2016

By:

/s/ David F. Duvick  
David F. Duvick  
Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Method Of Filing</b>
(99.1)	Ecolab Inc. News Release dated February 23, 2016.	Filed herewith electronically.
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(99.3)	Supplemental Discussion for Fourth Quarter dated February 23, 2016.	Filed herewith electronically.