

Solomon Walter H
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Solomon Walter H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

(Street)
 LEXINGTON, KY 40509

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | | M | 1,603 A | \$ 19.75 | 14,147 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | | M | 1,069 A | \$ 23.87 | 15,216 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | | S | 1,603 D | \$ 46.5 | 13,613 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | | S | 1,069 D | \$ 46.5 | 12,544 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | | S | 6,760 D | \$ 46.5 | 5,784 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------|----------------------|---|--------|
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | M | 7,200 | A | \$ 10.72 | 12,984 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2010 | D ⁽¹⁾ | 3,610 | D | \$ 46.5 | 9,374 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 5,479 ⁽²⁾ | I | 401(k) |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.75 | 02/22/2010 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 1,603 | 09/19/2003 10/19/2012 | Common Stock | 1,603 | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.87 | 02/22/2010 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 1,069 | 09/18/2004 10/18/2013 | Common Stock | 1,069 | |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 10.72 | 02/22/2010 | | M ⁽⁴⁾ | 7,200 | 11/20/2009 12/20/2018 | Common Stock | 7,200 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Solomon Walter H 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY | | | Vice President | |

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

Signatures

/s/David B. Mattingly,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2010

__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) The disposition of the 3,610 shares reflects the cost of exercising the 7,200 Stock Appreciation Rights at the exercise price and includes taxes withheld for the transaction.
- (2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 2-22-10, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended Stock Incentive Plan
- (3) which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year.

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