

HAUSRATH DAVID L
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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 *
HAUSRATH DAVID L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD
(Street)

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/31/2006		M		523	A	\$ 30	5,871	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		M		9,703	A	\$ 39.58	15,574	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		S		10,226	D	\$ 65.9264	5,348	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		M		6,823	A	\$ 23.2	12,171	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		M		6,477	A	\$ 30	18,648	D	

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Common Stock	02/01/2006	S	13,300	D	\$ 65.72	5,348	D	
Common Stock						1,686 ⁽¹⁾	I	401 (K)
Common Stock						3,988 ⁽²⁾	I	LESOP

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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30	01/31/2006		M ⁽³⁾	523	09/20/2002 10/20/2011	Common Stock	523
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.58	01/31/2006		M ⁽⁴⁾	9,703	09/17/1999 10/17/2008	Common Stock	9,703
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.2	02/01/2006		M ⁽³⁾	6,823	09/19/2003 10/19/2012	Common Stock	6,823
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30	02/01/2006		M ⁽³⁾	6,477	09/20/2002 10/20/2011	Common Stock	6,477

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAUSRATH DAVID L 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Linda L. Foss, 02/01/2006
Attorney-in-Fact

 **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).
- (2) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 1-31-06.
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.
- (1) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 1-31-06, 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 1997 Stock Incentive Plan
- (4) 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.

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