ASHLAND INC. Form 3 February 24, 2014 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number:

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Silverman Keith C			2. Date of Event RequiringStatement(Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/12/2014	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
1005 ROUT	(Street)			(Check	x all applicable) Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807				Officer Other give title below) (specify below) Vice President		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	•	
Common Sto	ock		139 <u>(1)</u>		Ι	401(k)	
Common Stock			401 (2)		D	Â		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SE owned directly or indirectly.					SEC 1473 (7-02	2)		

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Right	11/14/2013	12/14/2022	Common Stock	3,100	\$ 70.37 (<u>3)</u>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/13/2014	12/13/2023	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 89.69 <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Silverman Keith C 1005 ROUTE 202/206 BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ David A. Rines, Attorney-in-Fact	0	2/21/2014				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of February 12, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (2) Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 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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