

ASHLAND INC.  
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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 \*  
WARD MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, 500  
WATER STREET, C-900

(Street)

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/02/2014

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 09/02/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 9,975   | A  | \$ 42.58                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 10,975  | (1)  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/02/2014                           |  | M                              |   | 2,937   | A  | \$ 55.73                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,912  | (1)  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/02/2014                           |  | S                              |   | 12,912  | D  | \$ 107.64                         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,000   | (1)  | D                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | (2)  |                                   |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 42.58   | 09/02/2014                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 9,975   | 07/27/2005 02/27/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 9,975                         |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 55.73   | 09/02/2014                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 2,937   | 07/26/2006 02/26/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 2,937                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WARD MICHAEL J<br>CSX TRANSPORTATION<br>500 WATER STREET, C-900<br>JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Henkel,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/03/2014

\*\*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) Includes 1,000 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$107.56 to \$107.98, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ashland Inc., any security holder of Ashland Inc., or the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges

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set forth in this footnote.

(3) Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.

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