ASHLAND INC.

Form 4

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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILLIS J KEVIN |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>ASHLAND INC. [ASH] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |  |  |
|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) |  | (Check all applicable)                           |  |  |
| (Last)   | (FIISt) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                      |  |  |  |
|  |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)   | Director 10% Owner                               |  |  |
| 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD.                                  |         |          | 11/12/2014   | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)    |  |  |
|  |         |          |  | Chief Financial Officer                          |  |  |
| (Street)   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check        |  |  |
|  |         |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line)                                 |  |  |
|  |         |          |  | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person           |  |  |
| COVINGTON, KY 41011                                      |         |          |  | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person     |  |  |

| COVINCIA   | 011,111 11011       |                    | Person  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                          |              |              |              |  |  |  |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| (City)     | (State)             | (Zip) Tabl         |  |                          |              |              |              |  |  |  |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed         | 3.   | 4. Securities Acquired   | 5. Amount of | 6.           | 7. Nature of |  |  |  |
| Security   | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio   | or(A) or Disposed of (D) | Securities   | Ownership    | Indirect     |  |  |  |
| (Instr. 3) |                     | any                | Code   | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)      | Beneficially | Form: Direct | Beneficial   |  |  |  |
|            |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)   |                          | Owned        | (D) or       | Ownership    |  |  |  |
|            |                     |                    |  |                          | Following    | Indirect (I) | (Instr. 4)   |  |  |  |
|            |                     |                    |  | (4)                      | Reported     | (Instr. 4)   |              |  |  |  |

| (Instr. 3)      | (Monday 1 car) | any (Month/Day/Year) |        | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |                  |              | Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following             | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                 |                |                      | Code V | Amount                              | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price        | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4)                       |                                       |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/13/2014     |                      | F(1)   | 416                                 | D                | \$<br>112.85 | 18,697   | D                                |                                       |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/12/2014     |                      | A(2)   | 3,100                               | A                | \$<br>112.91 | 19,113 <u>(3)</u>                              | D                                |                                       |
| Common<br>Stock |                |                      |        |                                     |                  |              | 14,548 (4)                                     | I                                | 401(k)                                |
| Common<br>Stock |                |                      |        |                                     |                  |              | 887 (5)  | Ι                                | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | erivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) equired (A) Disposed of |                    | 7. Title and Amo<br>Underlying Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                      |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)  (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Ar<br>or<br>Nu<br>of |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right                      | \$ 112.91   | 11/12/2014                              |   | A(6)                                  | 13,100   | 11/12/2015 <u>(6)</u>   | 12/12/2024         | Common<br>Stock   | 1:                   |

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WILLIS J KEVIN 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD. COVINGTON, KY 41011

Chief Financial Officer

## **Signatures**

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu, Attorney-in-Fact

11/14/2014

\*\*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) Payment of tax liability by withholding incident to the receipt of the vesting of shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated 2011 Stock Incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Grant of Restricted Common Stock, pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant will vest in three years.
- (3) Includes 17,866 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of October 31, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (5) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of October 31, 2014.

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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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