

ASHLAND INC.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHAMBERS LAMAR M

(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)
06/30/2005

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)
Controller

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,987 ⁽¹⁾ | I | LESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,445 ⁽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) | 8. P... Deri... Sec... (Ins... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 06/30/2005 | | J ⁽⁴⁾ | 2,769 | ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 2,769 \$ |
| Common Stock Units | \$ 0 | 07/17/2005 | | J ⁽⁵⁾ | 130 | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 130 \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CHAMBERS LAMAR M 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391 | | | Controller | |

Signatures

Linda L. Foss,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/19/2005

**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) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 7-18-2005.
- (2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 7-18-2005, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (3) 1-for-1
- (4) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan as of 6-30-05, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
Payment of tax liability by withholding incident to the receipt of the vesting of Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's
- (5) Stock Incentive Plan as of 7/17/05, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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