

ASHLAND INC.  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**WILLIS J KEVIN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD.**  
  
(Street)

**COVINGTON, KY 41011**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/05/2014**

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)  
**Chief Financial Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/05/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	987 D \$ 100.07	15,915 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500 A \$ 51.86	18,415 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,675 A \$ 55.56	22,090 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,900 A \$ 70.37	24,990 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2014		F <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	1,721 D \$ 100.07	23,269 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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Common Stock	05/05/2014	<u>F(1)(4)</u>	2,628	D	\$ 100.07	20,641	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2014	<u>F(1)(5)</u>	2,349	D	\$ 100.07	18,292	D	
Common Stock						14,329 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	401(k)
Common Stock						887 <sup>(7)</sup>	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 51.86	05/05/2014		<u>M(1)(8)</u>	2,500	11/17/2011 12/17/2020	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 55.56	05/05/2014		<u>M(1)(9)</u>	3,675	12/02/2012 01/02/2022	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 70.37	05/05/2014		<u>M(1)(10)</u>	2,900	11/14/2013 12/14/2022	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Chief Financial Officer	

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## Signatures

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

05/07/2014

\_\_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) The transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 21, 2014.
- (2) Includes 15,915 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (3) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 8 below.
- (4) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 9 below.
- (5) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 10 below.
- (6) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of May 2, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (7) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of May 2, 2014.
- (8) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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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