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 December 02, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
 FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Thomas, Richard P.  
  
 50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard  
 Covington, KY 41012-0391
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Ashland Inc.  
 ASH
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 November 27, 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 Vice President:Secretary
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 (X) 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 | 2. Transaction Date | 3. Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|--|--|
| Common Stock         |                     |         |  | 15,199 (1)   |
| Common Stock         |                     |         |  | 13,317 (2)   |

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date | 4. Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Percentage of Total Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
|                                 |  |                     |         |   |  | Title and Number of Shares                   |                                  |

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|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   |       |       |              |        |      |
|------------------------|---------|-------|---|--|----|---|-------|-------|--------------|--------|------|
| Option (3)             | 39.00   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 2,000  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 97    | -06   |              |        |      |
|                        | 39.00   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 1,000  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 98    | -06   |              |        |      |
|                        | 39.00   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 1,000  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 99    | -06   |              |        |      |
| Option (4)             | 53.375  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-18- | 10-18 | Common Stock | 2,500  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 98    | -07   |              |        |      |
|                        | 53.375  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-18- | 10-18 | Common Stock | 1,250  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 99    | -07   |              |        |      |
|                        | 53.375  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-18- | 10-18 | Common Stock | 1,250  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 00    | -07   |              |        |      |
| Option (4)             | 48.00   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-17- | 10-17 | Common Stock | 4,000  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 99    | -08   |              |        |      |
|                        | 48.00   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-17- | 10-17 | Common Stock | 2,000  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 00    | -08   |              |        |      |
|                        | 48.00   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-17- | 10-17 | Common Stock | 2,000  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 01    | -08   |              |        |      |
| Option (4)             | 36.625  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 00    | -09   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.625  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 01    | -09   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.625  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 02    | -09   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.625  |       |   |  |    |   | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 03    | -09   |              |        |      |
| Option (5)             | 36.38   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-20- | 10-20 | Common Stock | 7,500  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 02    | -11   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.38   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-20- | 10-20 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 03    | -11   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.38   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-20- | 10-20 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 04    | -11   |              |        |      |
| Option (5)             | 28.13   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 7,500  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 03    | -12   |              |        |      |
|                        | 28.13   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 04    | -12   |              |        |      |
|                        | 28.13   |       |   |  |    |   | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |       |   |  |    |   | 05    | -12   |              |        |      |
| Common Stock Units (6) | 1-for-1 | 11-27 | J |  | 11 | A |       |       | Common Stock | 11     | \$28 |
|                        |         | -02   |   |  |    |   |       |       |              |        |      |

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### Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 9-30-02.
2. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 9-30-02, based on the most recent information available.
3. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
4. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
6. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 11-27-02, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

M. Craig Hall - Attorney-in-Fact

DATE

December 2, 2002