FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CHAMBERS LAMAR M</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC [ ASH ]										neck al	tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director		10% Own		wner	
(Last)	(F	irst)	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2005											Officer below)	(give title Cont	Other below ntroller		specify	
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2005										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)													Form filed by More than One Reportin Person						
		Tab	le I - Nor	า-Deriv	ative	e Se	curiti	ies Ac	qui	ired, [	Disp	osed c	of, o	r Ber	eficia	lly O	wned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date,		·,	Code (Instr. 5)			Acquire D) (Inst	d (A) or r. 3, 4 an	Beneficially Owned Follow		s ally following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
									-	Code	v	Amount	ount (A) or (D)		Price	Ti	Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 01/17/					7/200	/2005			M		177 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$0		3,094			D				
		7	able II -									sed of onverti				y Ow	ned					
	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		ransaction Code (Instr.		of		. Date Exercisal Expiration Date Month/Day/Year			Amo Sec Und Deri	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Deriv Secu	3. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	E C F D D O (I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Common Stock	\$0	01/17/2005			М		П	177 <sup>(1)</sup>		(2)		(2)	Con	nmon	177	\$57.	.55 <sup>(3)</sup>	18,589	9	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This amount reflects the exclusion of 7 shares of Ashland common stock that were included on the insider's previous filing due to an administrative error by the plan administrator.
- 2. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 1/17/05, 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).

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Units

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Stock

03/17/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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