FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NOONAN PATRICK F					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC [ASH]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								\dashv	X Director 10% Own				·		
(Last)	(Fi	irst)	(Middle)		06/16/2003										Officer (give title below)				pecify	
(Chros)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street)														X Form filed by One Reporting Person					ı	
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)											Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
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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/Yea	Code	action (Instr.			Expi	ate Exerci ration Da nth/Day/Yo	te	le and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		of s ig e Securit	Der Ser (Ins	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	ly [10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Ex _I	piration te	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er						
Common Stock Units	0(2)	06/16/2003		J ⁽³⁾		108		08/08	8/1988 ⁽³⁾	08/	/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	108	\$	33.28	17,03	5	D		

Explanation of Responses:

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3. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 6-16-03, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)

06/18/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
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