## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HEALY BERNADINE						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC [ ASH ]								(Ch	eck all appl	or	g Pers	10% Ov	wner
(Last) THE CL	`	rst) (	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2005									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify
1950 RICHMOND ROAD					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) LYNDHURST OH 44124													X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(Si	ate) (	(Zip)																
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriva	ative	Sec	curitie	es Ad	cquired	Dis	posed	of, or B	enef	icial	ly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution D			Code				N) or , 4 and	Securit Benefic Owned	curities For		n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date, T	Code (In:				6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		ırity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	,	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Common Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/15/2005			<b>J</b> (2)		30		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	3	0	\$66.61	7,361		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

2. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 3-15-05, 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 is one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock).

Jami K. Suver, Attorney-in-**Fact** 

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).
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