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Ashland announces plan to refinance Ashland LLC's senior notes due 2018 with a new senior secured term loan B facility

COVINGTON, KY, May 15, 2017 - Ashland Global Holdings Inc. ("<u>Ashland</u>") (NYSE: ASH) announced today that its indirect, wholly owned subsidiary, Ashland LLC (the "<u>Company</u>") is seeking to obtain a new \$600 million 7-year senior secured term loan B facility to retire the Company's 3.875% senior notes due 2018 (the "<u>Notes</u>").

In addition, the Company intends to refinance its existing \$800 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility with a new \$800 million 5-year senior secured revolving credit facility. The Company is also seeking to obtain new senior secured term loan A facilities, consisting of a new \$250 million 3-year term loan A facility and a new \$250 million 5-year term loan A facility, to finance a portion of the consideration for the Company's previously announced, pending acquisition of Pharmachem Laboratories, Inc. ("Pharmachem").

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About Ashland

Ashland Global Holdings Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a premier global specialty chemicals company serving customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including adhesives, architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care and pharmaceutical. At Ashland, we are 6,000 passionate, tenacious solvers - from renowned scientists and research chemists to talented engineers and plant operators - who thrive on developing practical, innovative and elegant solutions to complex problems for customers in more than 100 countries. Visit ashland.com to learn more.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Ashland has identified some of these forward-looking statements with words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "estimates," "is likely," "predicts," "projects," "forecasts," "objectives," "may," "will," "should," "plans" and "intends" and the negative of these words or other comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements include statements relating to Ashland's expectation that the proposed acquisition of Pharmachem will be completed before the end of the June quarter and that the proposed acquisition will be accretive to earnings per share. In addition, Ashland may from time to time make forward-looking statements in its annual reports, quarterly reports and other filings with the SEC, news releases and other written and oral communications. These forward-looking statements are based on Ashland's expectations and assumptions, as of the date such statements are made, regarding Ashland's future operating performance and financial condition, the strategic and competitive advantages of Ashland following the final distribution of the Valvoline business, as well as the economy and other future events or circumstances. Ashland's expectations and assumptions include, without limitation, internal forecasts and analyses of current and future market conditions and trends, management plans and strategies, operating efficiencies and economic conditions (such as prices, supply and demand, cost of raw materials, and the ability to recover raw-material cost increases through price increases), and risks and uncertainties associated with the following: Ashland's substantial indebtedness (including the possibility that such indebtedness and related restrictive covenants may adversely affect

Ashland's future cash flows, results of operations, financial condition and its ability to repay debt); the impact of acquisitions and/or divestitures Ashland has made or may make, including the proposed acquisition of Pharmachem (including the possibility that Ashland may not complete the proposed acquisition of Pharmachem or Ashland may not realize the anticipated benefits from such transactions); and severe weather, natural disasters, and legal proceedings and claims (including environmental and asbestos matters). Various risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those stated, projected or implied by any forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, risks and uncertainties affecting Ashland that are described in Ashland's most recent Form 10-K (including Item 1A Risk Factors) filed with the SEC, which is available on Ashland's website at http://investor.ashland.com or on the SEC's website at http://investor.ashland.com or on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. Ashland believes its expectations and assumptions are reasonable, but there can be no assurance that the expectations reflected herein will be achieved. Unless legally required, Ashland undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this press release whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Information on Ashland's website is not incorporated into or a part of this news release.

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