FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     NOVO GUILLERMO						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ ASH ]									lationship ck all app	,	ng Pers	son(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8145 BLAZER DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2024									Officer (give title below)  Chair of the Board and CEO				·
(Street) WILMIN (City)	4. If <i>I</i>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Ind Line)	_								
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5)					Securit Benefic Owned	Securities I Beneficially		Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	(A) or Price		Transa	ction(s) 3 and 4)			(
Common Stock 11/19/					2024			M		11,096	A	\$	76.39	39 131,382			D		
Common Stock 11/19/2				2024				F <sup>(1)</sup>		4,644	D \$7		76.39	126,738			D		
	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)	erivative   Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   curity   or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any				4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	rities ired r osed )	6. Date Expirat (Month	ion Da	Year) Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4)		De Se (In	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	ative derivative ity Securities		0. Ownership orm: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the vesting of Performance Share Units, acquired pursuant to Ashland's incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3

> /s/ Serena S. Kenost, Attorney-in-fact for Guillermo 11/20/2024

\*\* 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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