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* <u>SOLSO THEODORE M</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC [ ASH ]										Relationshipeck all app	,	ng Per	son(s) to Is:	
	NS ENGIN	E COMPANY, I	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2004										Office below	er (give title v)		Other ( below)	specify
500 JACKSON STREET  (Street)  COLUMBUS IN 47202					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	tate) (	(Zip)													7 613	511			
		Tab	le I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curiti	es Ac	qu	ired, C	Disp	osed	of, or	Ben	eficia	ly Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ar) l	ZA. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Yea		Code (		tion Dispos		urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Benefi	ies ially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										Code	v	Amoun	nt (A) or (D)		Price	Transa	ction(s) 3 and 4)			
Common Stock																1	1,000		D	
Restricted Stock																1,	1,000(1)		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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of		nt of ties ying tive Se		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
				Co	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e ercisable	Ex Da	piration te	Title	O N O	lumber					
Common Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/15/2004			J <sup>(3)</sup>		56			(3)		(3)	Comm Stock		56	\$0	10,530		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- 2. Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 3. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 6-15-04, 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)

M. Craig Hall 06/17/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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