FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar	AS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ ASH ]										p of Reportii olicable) ctor	ng Per	son(s) to Iss							
(Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2024										er (give title w)		Other (s below)	pecify		
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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)																					
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable	Exp Dat	oiration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Common Stock Units	(1)	06/28/2024			A <sup>(2)</sup>		304			(3)		(3)	Common Stock	304	\$94.49	14,113	(4)	D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1 for 1
- 2. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
- 3. Subject to any deferral election on timing of distribution by the reporting person under the Plan, the Common Stock Units are payable in Common Stock upon the reporting person's separation from service
- 4. Balance includes additional Common Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends.

/s/ Serena S. Kenost, Attorney-07/01/2024 in-fact for Janice Teal

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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