

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>WATERS FRANK L</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASHLAND INC [ASH]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/15/2005</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		1,000	A	\$39	1,152 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		10,000	A	\$36.625	11,152 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		16,875	A	\$28.13	28,027 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		7,500	A	\$34	35,527 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		S		35,375	D	\$69.529	152 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								1,824 ⁽²⁾	I	401(K)
Common Stock								670 ⁽³⁾	I	LESOP

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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$28.13	06/16/2005		M ⁽⁴⁾			16,875	09/19/2003	10/19/2012	Common Stock 16,875	\$69.529	5,625	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$34	06/16/2005		M ⁽⁴⁾			7,500	09/18/2004	10/18/2013	Common Stock 7,500	\$69.529	7,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$36.625	06/16/2005		M ⁽⁵⁾			10,000	09/16/2000	10/16/2009	Common Stock 10,000	\$69.529	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$39	06/16/2005		M ⁽⁶⁾			1,000	09/19/1997	10/19/2006	Common Stock 1,000	\$69.529	0	D	
Common Stock Units	\$0 ⁽⁷⁾	06/15/2005		J ⁽⁸⁾			76	(8)	(8)	Common Stock 76	\$69.62	25,628	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 25 of these shares are held in Ashland's Open Enrollment Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan as of 6-15-05.
- Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 6-15-05, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 6-15-05.
- Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
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- Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan as of 6-15-05, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan is the

equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

Jami K. Suver, Attorney-in-Fact

06/17/2005

** 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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