FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| UKII | IES AND | EXCHANGE | COMMISSION |
|------|---------|----------|------------|
|------|---------|----------|------------|

| OMB APP | ROVAL |
|---------------------|-----------|
| OMB Number: | 3235-0287 |
| Estimated average I | ourden |

0.5

(Instr. 4)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

hours per response:

| Check this box if no longer subject to |
|--|
| Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 |
| obligations may continue. See |
| Instruction 1(h) |

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defence conditions of Puls 1055 1(c) |
|---|
| defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). |

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Drury Eileen</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|---|--|-------------|----------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|---|---------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | | | ASHLAND INC. [ASH] | | | | | | (**** | Directo | | 10% C | wner | | |
| (Last) 8145 BL | AZER DI | First) | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2024 | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) SVP and Chief HRO | | | | |
| (Street) WILMINGTON DE 19808 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Line) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (| State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | . 0.00. | • | | |
| | | | Table I - N | on-Deriv | ative S | ecurities Acq | uired, | Dis | osed c | of, o | r Ben | eficiall | y Owned | t t | | |
| Date | | | | action Day/Year) | Execution Date, | | Code (Instr. | | | | (A) or 3, 4 and | | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | 11/14/2024 | | | M | | 1,258 | | A | \$78.05 | 5,711 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 11/1 | | | 11/14 | /2024 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 584 D | | \$78.05 | 5,127 | | D | | | |
| | | | Table II | | | curities Acqu lls, warrants, | | | | | | | Owned | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, (Month/Day/Year) Short (Month/Da | | ount of urities | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial | Ownership Form: | 11. Natur of Indired Beneficia Ownersh | | | | | | | |

Stock Unit **Explanation of Responses:**

Restricted

Derivative

1. Payment of a tax liability by withholding securities incident to the vesting of Restricted Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to

Date

(3)

Expiration

Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) (D)

1,258

- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland common stock upon vesting.
- 3. Grant of Restricted Stock Units pursuant to Ashland's incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant vest in three equal installments beginning one year from the date of grant, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous employment with the issuer.
- 4. Balance includes additional Common Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends.

11/14/2024

/s/ Serena S. Kenost, Attorney-11/18/2024 in-fact for Eileen Drury

Title

Stock

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivative Security

Amount Number

Shares

1,258

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

2,521(4)

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).

Code

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.