FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KALYANA SWAMINATHAN ASHOK | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
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| (Street) WILMIN | NGTON D | E : | 19808 | | - 4. If | f Amer | ndment, | Date | of Origir | al Fil | ed (Mont | h/Day/ | /Year) | Lin | X Form | filed by One | e Rep | g (Check Ap orting Perso n One Repo | n |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/It | | | | Day/Year) if | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea | | Cod | | | | urities Acquired (/ sed Of (D) (Instr. 3 | | Benefic | es ially Following | Forn (D) o | wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| 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/Yea | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr 8) | | | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expirati Date | | - itle | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock | (1) | 11/14/2023 | | | A | | 5,676 | | (2) | | (2) | С | Common | 5,676 | \$0 | 5,676 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) Restricted Stock Unit of Ashland Common Stock.
- 2. Grant of Restricted Stock Units, pursuant to Ashland's incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The Restricted Stock Units in this grant will vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the date of grant, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous employment with the Issuer.

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

11/16/2023

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).

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

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POWER OF ATTORNEY Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Robin E. Lampkin, and Serena S, Kenost, each signing singly and so long as such individual remains an officer of Ashland Inc. (the "Company"), as the undersigned's true and lawful

- attorney-in-fact to:
 1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on
- the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- 2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, and any other forms or reports the undersigned may be required to file in connection with the undersigned's ownership, acquisition, or disposition of securities of the Company; 3) do and
- perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, or other form or report, and timely file such form or report with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 4) take any other action of any

type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact, full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power

of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has

caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 06 day of September, 2023.

/s/ Ashok Kaylana