FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MITCHELL SAMUEL J | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC [ASH] | | | | | | | | | elationship o eck all applic Directo | able) | g Pers | on(s) to Issu 10% Ow | |
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| (Last) | (F | irst) | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/16/2003 | | | | | | | | _ ; | Y Officer below) | pecify | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tal | ble I - Non- | Derivat | ive Se | curit | ties A | cqu | uired, C | Disp | osed of | , or Ben | eficiall | y Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | Execution Date, | | | te, Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5) | | | Disposed | es Acquired Of (D) (Insti | | 5. Amour Securities Beneficia Owned F | s lly ollowing | Form | : Direct I · Indirect E str. 4) (| 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Table II - D (e | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertib | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Yo | Code | saction e (Instr. | of Ex | | Expi | Date Exercisable and piration Date onth/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e s ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | e V | (A) | | Date Exer | cisable | Ex Da | piration te | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 0(2) | 06/16/2003 | | J ⁽³⁾ | | 153 | | 08/0 | 8/1988 ⁽³⁾ | 08 | /08/1988 ⁽³⁾ | Common | 153 | \$33.28 | 22,14 | 12 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

2. 1-for-1

M. Craig Hall 06/18/2003

** 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).

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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^{3.} Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 6-16-03, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)