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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> HEALY BERNADINE			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASHLAND INC</u> [ ASH ]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable)		
,					Director	10% Owner	
	(First) ND CLINIC FOU	(Middle) INDATION	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2003		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
9500 EUCLID AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line)	Check Applicable		
(Street)	011	44404		X	Form filed by One Report	ting Person	
CLEVELAND	OH	44194			Form filed by More than 0 Person	One Reporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
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#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	n Date, Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock								3,522	D	
Restricted Stock								1,000(1)	D	

### 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. Transa Code ( 8)		of		Expiration Date		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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/15/2003		J <sup>(3)</sup>		47		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	47	\$41.67	7,178	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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3. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-15-03, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)

<u>M. Craig Hall</u>	
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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