UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP ( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b). 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Jackson, Mannie L.

Harlem Globetrotters, International 400 East Van Buren Street, Suite 300

Phoenix, Arizona 85004 Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ashland Inc. ASH

- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year
- December 16, 2002 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
   (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person

  ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

1. Title of Security	Trans   	3.  4 saction          Code V	4.Securities Acourties Acourt Disposed o		Price	5.Amount of   Securities   Beneficially   Owned at   End of Month	6.Dir  ect  (D)or  Indir  ect(I)	7.Nature of Indirect   Beneficial Ownership 
Common Stock	Date		Allouite		FITCE	1,000 (1)	PCC(1)	'I 
 Common Stock	<u>:</u>	-ii-i 		ii 		2,000		i

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Option (2)	43.125 	 					1-31-  07	Common Si	tock	1,000	 	1,000 	D	
Option (2)	52.75 		 			7-30-  98	1-30-  08	Common S	tock	1,000		1,000 	D   	
Option (3)	46.76 	   	 			7-31-  02	2-29-  12	Common S	tock	2,500	 	2,500 	D   	
Common Stock Units (4)	1-for-1 	12-16  -02	J   	139 	A 		 	Common S	tock	139	\$29.760 	19,469 	D   	
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## 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.
- 2. Stock options(represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Deferred Compensation for Non-Employee Directors. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 3. Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the
- . 4. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-16-02, 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)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Amelia A. McCarty Attorney-in-Fact

December 16, 2002