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 Quin, J. Marvin 1000 Ashland Drive Russell, Kentucky 41169 2. 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 November 30, 19975. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

 ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer; Senior Vice President

- 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             | Tr<br> <br>                     | ansact:<br> <br>                         | ion    <br>                              | or Disposed                                     | ecurities Acquired (A) r Disposed of (D) |  |   |  | 5.Amount of<br>  Securities<br>  Beneficially<br>  Owned at |   | 6.Dir  7.Nature of Indirect<br> ect   Beneficial Ownership<br> (D)or  <br> Indir |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
|                                  |                                 |  | ue v <br>                                | Amount  |  | D  | Price   | e   End of   | MONTH   | ect(:   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock                     | l                               | l  |  |   |  |  |   | 6,642 (1   | )   | I   | By Truste  | e   |  |
| Common Stock                     | l                               | l  |  |   |  |  |   | 3,317 (2   |   |   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock                     | I                               | <u> </u>                                 | <u> </u>                                 |   |  | <br>   |   | 22,639   |   |   |  |   |  |
| Table II Derivat                 | ive Securit                     | ites A                                   | cquired                                  | , Disposed                                      | of, o                                    | r Bene   | ficially  | / Owned  |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1.Title of Derivativ<br>Security |                                 | Transa<br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> | action<br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> | rivative<br>rities Ad<br>red(A) or<br>posed of( | Secu<br>cqui<br>Dis<br>D)<br>A/          | cisab<br> Expir<br> Date(<br> Day/Y<br> Date<br> Exer-   | le and  ation   Month/  ear)    Expir   ation   Date        | 7.Title and /<br>of Underly:<br>Securities<br>Title and<br>of Shares | ing<br>Number   | of Deri<br> vative<br> Secu<br> rity<br> <br> | 9.Number of Deriva ltive Securities Benefi ficially Owned at End of Month        | 10. 11.Nature o<br> Dir Indirect<br> ect Beneficial<br> (D) Ownership<br> or  <br> Ind <br> ire <br> ct  <br> (I) |  |
| Common Stock Units (             | 3) 1-for-1<br>                  | 11-6-<br> 97                             | J  <br>                                  | 1,910<br>                                       | IA<br>I                                  |  | 0   | Common Stock   | 1,910<br>   | 47.4375<br>                                   | 6,802<br>  | D  <br>   |  |
| Option (4)                       | 41.00<br>                       |  | <br>                                     | <br>  |  |  | 10-21 (<br> -99   | Common Stock   | 1,250<br>   | :   | 1,250<br>  | D  <br>   |  |
|                                  | 41.00<br>                       | <br>                                     | <br>                                     | <br>  |  |  | 10-21 0<br> -99   | Common Stock   | 625<br>   |   | 625<br>  | D  <br>   |  |
|                                  | 41.00<br>                       | <br>                                     |  | <br>  |  |  | 10-21 0<br> -99   | Common Stock   | 625<br>   | •   | 625<br>  | D  <br>   |  |
| Option (5)                       | 35.875<br>                      |  | <br>                                     | <br>  |  | 9-15-<br> 95   | 10-15 0<br> -04   | Common Stock   | 12,500<br>  |   | 12,500<br>   | D  <br>   |  |
|                                  | 35.875<br>                      |  | <br>                                     | <br> <br>                                       |  |  | 10-15 (<br> -04   | Common Stock   | 6,250<br>   |   | 6,250<br>  | D  <br>   |  |
|                                  | 35.875<br>                      |  | <br>                                     | <br> <br>                                       |  | 9-15-<br> 97   | 10-15 (<br> -04   | Common Stock   | 6,250<br>   |   | 6,250<br>  | D  <br>   |  |
|                                  | 122 075                         |  |  |   |  | 9-21-  | 10-21 0   | Common Stock   | 12,500  |   | 12,500<br>   | D  <br>   |  |
| Option (5)                       | 33.875<br>                      |  |  |   | i  | 96   | -05   |  | l   | 1   | •  |   |  |
| -<br>Option (5)<br>-             | 33.875<br> <br> <br> 33.875<br> |  | <br><br>                                 | <br><br> <br>                                   | <br>                                     |  | <br> 10-21 0  | Common Stock   | <br> <br> 6,250<br>   |   | <br> 6,250<br>   | D  <br>   |  |
|                                  |                                 |  |  | <br>  |  | 9-21-<br> 97<br>   | 10-21 (<br> -05   | Common Stock   | <br>  | İ   | 6,250<br>  | D  <br>     <br> D  <br>  |  |
| Option (5)  Option (5)           | <br> 33.875<br>                 |  |  | <br>  |  | 9-21-<br> 97<br> <br> 9-21-<br> 98                       | 10-21 (<br> -05  <br> 10-21 (<br> -05                       |  | <br> 6,250<br>  | <br>  | <br>   | i i<br>   |  |
|                                  | 33.875<br> <br> 33.875<br>      | <br>                                     |  |   |  | 9-21-<br> 97<br> <br> 9-21-<br> 98<br> <br> 9-19-<br> 97 | 10-21 (<br> -05  <br> 10-21 (<br> -05  <br> 10-19 (<br> -06 | Common Stock   | <br> 6,250<br> <br> <br> 12,500                             |   | <br> 6,250<br>   |   |  |

| Option (6) | 53.375<br> | <br> |  |  |   | 9-18<br> 98 | - 10-18<br> -07 | Common | Stock 10,000<br> |  | 10,000<br> | D<br> |  |           |
|------------|------------|------|--|--|---|-------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|--|------------|-------|--|-----------|
|            | 53.375<br> |      |  |  | l | 9-18<br> 99 | - 10-18<br> -07 | Common | Stock 5,000<br>  |  | 5,000<br>  | D<br> |  | <br> <br> |
|            | 53.375<br> |      |  |  |   | 9-18<br> 00 | - 10-18<br> -07 | Common | Stock 5,000<br>  |  | 5,000<br>  | D<br> |  | <br> <br> |
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## Explanation of Responses:

- Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 3-31-96, the date of the final allocation to this account.
   Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 11-17-97, the latest date
- 2. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 11-17-97, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available, and includes transactions occurring on or after 9-30-97.
- 3. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 11-6-97 and includes transactions occurring on or after 9-30-97, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- 4. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 6. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON J. Marvin Quin DATE November 20, 1997