



## Ashland Inc. Announces Webcast of Q4 and Year-End Earnings Presentation

COVINGTON, Ky., Oct 15, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) today announced that on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 9 a.m. (EDT), it will conduct a live webcast of its fourth-quarter earnings presentation to the investment community. The presentation will cover results for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2008, the fourth quarter of Ashland's 2008 fiscal year, as well as the full fiscal year. The company's results will be issued earlier in the day at 7 a.m.

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In attendance at the presentation will be: James J. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer; Lamar M. Chambers, senior vice president and chief financial officer; and Eric N. Boni, director, investor relations.

The webcast, which will last approximately 60 minutes, will be accessible through Ashland's Investor Relations website, [www.ashland.com/investors](http://www.ashland.com/investors). Following the live event, an archived version of the webcast will be available on the Ashland website for 12 months. Minimum requirements to listen to the webcast include the free Windows MediaPlayer software and a 28.8 Kbps connection to the Internet.

Ashland Inc., a diversified, global chemical company, provides quality products, services and solutions to customers in more than 100 countries. A FORTUNE 500 company, it operates through four divisions: Ashland Performance Materials, Ashland Distribution, Valvoline and Ashland Water Technologies. To learn more about Ashland, visit [www.ashland.com](http://www.ashland.com).

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