

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
 () Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Boyd, James R.

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard
 Covington, Kentucky 41012

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
 September 30, 2000

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock						31,075	D	
Common Stock						4,250 (1)	D	
Common Stock						7,035 (2)	I	By Trustee
Common Stock						230 (3)	I	By Trustee

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) A/Exercise Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Option (4)	23.875				9-21-93 10-21-02	Common Stock 12,500		5,500	D	
	23.875				9-21-94 10-21-02	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
	23.875				9-21-95 10-21-02	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
Option (4)	33.125				9-16-94 10-16-03	Common Stock 12,500		12,500	D	
	33.125				9-16-95 10-16-03	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
	33.125				9-16-96 10-16-03	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
Option (5)	35.875				9-15-95 10-15-04	Common Stock 12,500		12,500	D	
	35.875				9-15-96 10-15-04	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
	35.875				9-15-97 10-15-04	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
Option (5)	33.875				9-21-96 10-21-04	Common Stock 12,500		12,500	D	
	33.875				9-21-97 10-21-04	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	
	33.875				9-21-97 10-21-04	Common Stock 6,250		6,250	D	

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Option (5)	39.00					9-19-97	10-19-06	Common Stock	12,500		12,500		D						
	39.00					9-19-98	10-19-06	Common Stock	6,250		6,250		D						
	39.00					9-19-99	10-19-06	Common Stock	6,250		6,250		D						
Option (6)	53.375					9-18-98	10-18-07	Common Stock	10,000		10,000		D						
	53.375					9-18-99	10-18-07	Common Stock	5,000		5,000		D						
	53.375					9-18-00	10-18-07	Common Stock	5,000		5,000		D						
Option (6)	48.00					9-17-99	10-17-08	Common Stock	10,000		10,000		D						
	48.00					9-17-00	10-17-08	Common Stock	5,000		5,000		D						
	48.00					9-17-01	10-17-08	Common Stock	5,000		5,000		D						
Option (6)	36.625					9-16-00	10-16-09	Common Stock	17,500		17,500		D						
	36.625					9-16-01	10-16-09	Common Stock	17,500		17,500		D						
	36.625					9-16-02	10-16-09	Common Stock	17,500		17,500		D						
	36.625					9-16-03	10-16-09	Common Stock	17,500		17,500		D						
Common Stock Units (7)	1-for-1		J	1,032	A			Common Stock	1,032		20,771		D						

Explanation of Responses:

1. Joint with wife.
2. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 9-30-00.
3. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 9-30-00, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available, and includes transactions occurring on or after 11-15-99.
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.
7. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 9-30-00 and includes transactions on or after 11-4-99, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). The price of the Common Stock Units on applicable valuation dates has varied from \$29.313 - \$35.750.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

James R. Boyd

DATE

October 17, 2000