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 Farley, James B. Villa D'Este 2665 North Ocean Boulevard Delray Beach, Florida 33483 Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ashland Inc.

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

September 30, 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 | Tra<br> <br> | 3.<br>ansact<br> <br> <br>te  Co | ion<br> | 4.Securities Acq<br>or Disposed of<br>Amount | (D) | A/ <br>D | Price | 5.Amount of<br>  Securities<br>  Beneficially<br>  Owned at<br>  End of Month | 6.Di<br> ect<br> (D)o<br> Indi<br> ect( | r  <br>r |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------|--|-----|----------|-------|---|---|----------|
| Common Stock         | 1            | I                                | ı       |  | ı   | ı        |       | 2,000 (1)   | D                                       | I        |
| Common Stock         |              |                                  | 1       |  |     |          |       | 400 (2)   | D                                       | <br>     |

| Table II Derivativ                | e Securit  | ites A                                  | cquir               | ed,                         | Disposed o   | of, o                                  | r Bene   | ficial   | Ly Owned               |                |               |  |  |             |           |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|--|-------------|-----------|
| 1.Title of Derivative<br>Security | version<br>or Exer<br>cise<br>Price of<br>Deriva-<br>tive<br>Secu- | Trans<br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> | <br> <br> <br> <br> | n  <br> <br> <br> <br> <br> | 5.Number of<br>rivative S<br>rities Acc<br>red(A) or<br>posed of(D | Secu<br>qui<br>Dis<br>)<br>  A/<br>  D | cisab<br> Expir<br> Date(<br> Day/Y<br> Date<br> Exer- | le and<br>ation<br>Month/<br>ear)<br> Expir<br> ation<br> Date | of Un<br>Secur<br>Titl | derly<br>ities | ing<br>Number | of Deri<br> vative<br> Secu<br> rity<br> | 9.Number<br> of Deriva<br> tive<br> Securities<br> Benefi<br> ficially<br> Owned at<br> End of<br> Month | Dir<br> ect | <br>      |
| Option (3)                        | 37.50<br>  | <br> <br>                               | <br> <br>           | <br>                        |  |  |  | 1-28-<br> 04   |                        | Stock          | 1,000<br>     | <br>                                     | 1,000<br>  | D<br>       | <br> <br> |
| Option (3)                        | 33.00  |   |                     |                             |  |  | 7-27-<br> 97   |  | Common                 | Stock          | 1,000<br>     |  | 1,000<br>  | D<br>       | <br> <br> |
| Option (3)                        | 43.125<br>   |   |                     | <br>                        |  |  |  | 1-31-<br> 07   | Common                 | Stock          | 1,000<br>     |  | 1,000<br>  | D<br>       | <br> <br> |
| Option (3)                        | 52.75<br>  |   |                     | <br>                        |  |  | 7-30-<br> 98   |  | Common                 | Stock          | 1,000<br>     |  | 1,000<br>  | D<br>       | <br> <br> |
| Option (4)                        | 46.76<br>  |   |                     | <br>                        |  | •                                      | 7-31-<br> 02   |  | Common                 | Stock          | 2,500<br>     | <br>                                     | 2,500<br>  | D<br>       | <br> <br> |
| Common Stock Units (5)            |  | 9-30-<br> 02                            | J<br>               | :<br>                       | 1,064  | A<br>                                  |  |  | Common                 | Stock          | 1,064<br>     | \$26.790<br>                             | 19,966<br>   | D<br>       | <br> <br> |
|                                   |  |   | 1                   |                             |  |  |  |  | <br>                   |                |               |  | <br>   |             | <br>      |

## 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. Jointly with

3. Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the

4. 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

5. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 9-30-02, 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