

## Ashland Inc. Files 10-K Annual Report With SEC

COVINGTON, Ky., Nov 23, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) today filed its annual report on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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There are several options to access a paper copy of Ashland's complete audited financial statements free of charge. The Form 10-K may be downloaded from the company's website at <a href="www.ashland.com">www.ashland.com</a> by accessing a link provided in the Investor Center. In addition, the report may be requested by calling Investor Relations at 859-815-4454, or by directing an e-mail to investor\_relations@ashland.com.

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) provides specialty chemical products, services and solutions for many of the world's most essential industries. Serving customers in more than 100 countries, it operates through five commercial units: Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, Ashland Performance Materials, Ashland Consumer Markets (Valvoline) and Ashland Distribution. To learn more about Ashland, visit <a href="https://www.ashland.com">www.ashland.com</a>.

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