

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  
 Solso, Theodore M.

Cummins Engine Company, Inc.  
 500 Jackson Street  
 Columbus, IN 47202-3005

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  
 April 30, 2000

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

6. 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

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D			
Common Stock					1,000 (1)	D	
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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. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock Units (2)	1-for-1		J	1,062		Common Stock	1,062			D
Common Stock Units (3)	1-for-1	4-27-00	I	21		Common Stock	21	34.063	1,153	D

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. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation and Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 3-31-00 and includes transactions on or after 9-30-99, payable in cash or stock upon termination in service, and exempt under Rule 16b-3. The price of the Common Stock Units on the applicable valuation dates ranged from \$31.688 - \$32.938.  
 3. Intraplan transfer in Ashland's Deferred Compensation and Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Theodore M. Solso  
 DATE  
 May 3, 2000