

ASHLAND INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Solomon Walter H

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3499 BLAZER PARKWAY  
(Street)

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/05/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |   |        |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2015                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 5,500   | A  | \$ 0 29,980   | D |        |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2015                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 4,725   | A  | \$ 0 34,705   | D |        |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2015                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 3,499   | D  | \$ 118.5 31,206                                       | D |        |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2015                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 3,681   | D  | \$ 118.5 27,525 <sup>(4)</sup>                        | D |        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 7,495 <sup>(5)</sup>                                  | I | 401(k) |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 55.56   | 01/05/2015                           |  | M <sup>(1)(6)</sup>            | 5,500   | 12/02/2012 01/02/2022                                    | Common Stock  |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 70.37   | 01/05/2015                           |  | M <sup>(1)(7)</sup>            | 4,725   | 11/14/2013 12/14/2022                                    | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Solomon Walter H<br>3499 BLAZER PARKWAY<br>LEXINGTON, KY 40509 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
01/06/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 18, 2014.
- (2) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 7.

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- (3) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 6.
- (4) Includes 1359 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (5) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of December 1, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (6) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year.
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