

ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2014

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 31, 2014  
ASHLAND INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-32532  
(Commission File Number)

20-0865835  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard  
P.O. Box 391  
Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 31, 2014, Ashland Inc. (“Ashland”) announced preliminary third quarter results, which are discussed in more detail in the news release (the “News Release”) attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K (“Form 8-K”) as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 31, 2014, Ashland will make available the News Release, a slide presentation and prepared remarks on the “Investor Center” section of Ashland’s website located at <http://investor.ashland.com>. A copy of the slide presentation and the prepared remarks are attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibits 99.2 and 99.3, respectively, and are incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01 disclosure.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 News Release dated July 31, 2014.

99.2 Slide Presentation dated July 31, 2014.

99.3 Prepared Remarks dated July 31, 2014.

In connection with the disclosure set forth in Item 2.02, the information in this Form 8-K, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in this Form 8-K, including the exhibits, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any incorporation by reference language in any such filing. This Form 8-K will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Form 8-K that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.  
(Registrant)

July 31, 2014

/s/ J. Kevin Willis  
J. Kevin Willis  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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