

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 \*  
JACKSON MANNIE L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS  
INTERNATIONAL, 400 EAST  
VAN BUREN STREET, SUITE 300

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/01/2005

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.45	07/01/2005	A <sup>(1)</sup>		3,032		07/30/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.22	07/01/2005	D <sup>(1)</sup>			2,500	07/30/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 35.56	07/01/2005	A <sup>(2)</sup>		1,212		07/31/1997 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/31/2007	Common Stock	1,212
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.56	07/01/2005	A <sup>(3)</sup>		3,032		07/31/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/09/2012	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 43.125	07/01/2005	D <sup>(2)</sup>			1,000	07/31/1997 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/31/2007	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 43.5	07/01/2005	A <sup>(4)</sup>		1,212		07/30/1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/30/2008	Common Stock	1,212
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 46.76	07/01/2005	D <sup>(3)</sup>			2,500	07/31/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/29/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 50.02	07/01/2005	A <sup>(5)</sup>		8,490		07/27/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/27/2015	Common Stock	8,490
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 52.75	07/01/2005	D <sup>(4)</sup>			1,000	07/30/1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/30/2008	Common Stock	1,000
	\$ 60.66	07/01/2005	D <sup>(5)</sup>			7,000	07/27/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/27/2015		7,000

Stock  
Options  
(Right to  
buy)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JACKSON MANNIE L HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS INTERNATIONAL 400 EAST VAN BUREN STREET, SUITE 300 PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X			

## Signatures

Jami K. Suver, 07/15/2005  
Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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) Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 30, 2003 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - (2) Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 31, 1997 under Ashland's Deferred Compensation for Non-Employee Directors. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - (3) Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 31, 2002 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - (4) Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 30, 1998 under Ashland's Deferred Compensation for Non-Employee Directors. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
  - (5) Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 27, 2005 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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