

ASHLAND INC.  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
QUIN J MARVIN

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD  
(Street)

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/06/2006

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)  
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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 or Price (A) or (D)  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/06/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 18,193 A \$ 39.58   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/06/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 12,129 A \$ 44.01   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/06/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 30,322 D \$ 64.05   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,284 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | 401(K)  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,831 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | LESOP   |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 39.58   | 02/06/2006                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 18,193  | 09/17/1999 10/17/2008                                    | Common Stock  | 18,193                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 44.01   | 02/06/2006                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 12,129  | 09/18/1998 10/18/2007                                    | Common Stock  | 12,129                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| QUIN J MARVIN<br>50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD<br>COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

David B. Mattingly,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/08/2006

\_\_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).

(3) Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock 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. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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- (1) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 2-6-06, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (2) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 2-6-06.

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