

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 \*  
MITCHELL SAMUEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3475 DABNEY DRIVE  
(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)  
02/02/2007

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		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	02/02/2007		M		8,017	A	\$ 19.75	8,233	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2007		M		12,000	A	\$ 23.87	20,233	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2007		M		4,274	A	\$ 25.54	24,507	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2007		M		2,137	A	\$ 25.71	26,644	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2007		M		7,100	A	\$ 32.28	33,744	D	

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Common Stock	02/02/2007	M	1,424	A	\$ 33.69	35,168	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2007	M	1,424	A	\$ 37.46	36,592	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2007	S	36,376	D	\$ 69.4469	216	D	
Common Stock						703 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(K)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.75	02/02/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	8,017	09/19/2003	10/19/2012	Common Stock	8,017
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.87	02/02/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	12,000	09/18/2004	10/18/2013	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 25.54	02/02/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	4,274	09/20/2002	10/20/2011	Common Stock	4,274
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 25.71	02/02/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,137	09/16/2000	10/16/2009	Common Stock	2,137
Stock Options	\$ 32.28	02/02/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	7,100	01/30/2003	02/29/2012	Common Stock	7,100

(Right to buy)

Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 33.69	02/02/2007	M <sup>(2)</sup>	1,424	09/17/1999	10/17/2008	Common Stock	1,424
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 37.46	02/02/2007	M <sup>(2)</sup>	1,424	09/18/1998	10/18/2007	Common Stock	1,424
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITCHELL SAMUEL J 3475 DABNEY DRIVE LEXINGTON, KY 40509			Vice President	

## Signatures

David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact	02/06/2007
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        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).

(2) Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 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.

(1) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 2-2-07, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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