ASHLAND INC. Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ASHLAND INC. [ASH] A Silverman Keith C (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1005 ROUTE 202/206 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) BRIDGEWATER, ÂNJÂ 08807 Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Common Stock 139 (1) 401(k)Â Common Stock 401 (2) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Right	11/14/2013	12/14/2022	Common Stock	3,100	\$ 70.37 (3)	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/13/2014	12/13/2023	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 89.69 (3)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Silverman Keith C 1005 ROUTE 202/206 BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/ David A. Rines, Attorney-in-Fact 02/21/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of February 12, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (2) Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (3) 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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