ASHLAND INC.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MITCHELL SAMUEL J		ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
3499 BLAZER PARKWAY		Y	11/12/2014	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Senior Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
LEXINGTON, KY 40509				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	11/12/2014		A(1)	1,400	A	\$ 112.91	25,425	D	

Stock		_	-,		112.91	,	
Common Stock (2)	11/13/2014	F(3)	291	D	\$ 112.85	25,134 <u>(2)</u>	D

Common Ι 1,864 401(k)Stock

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)				
	Security				Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 112.91	11/12/2014		A(4)	5,900	11/12/2015(4)	12/12/2024	Common Stock	5,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MITCHELL SAMUEL J 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY LEXINGTON, KY 40509

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,

Attorney-in-Fact 11/14/2014

**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) Grant of Restricted Common Stock, pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant will vest in three years.
- (2) Includes 2,550 shares of unvested Restricted Stock and 11 shares held in the dividend reinvestment plan administered by Ashland's transfer agent.
- (3) Payment of tax liability by withholding incident to the receipt of the vesting of shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated 2011 Stock Incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3
- (4) 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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