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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WARD MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

(First) CSX TRANSPORTATION, 500

(Middle)

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

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

WATER STREET, C-900

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

06/30/2016

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4)

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)

4.

1. Title of Derivative Conversion

or Exercise

Security

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transactionof **Expiration Date** Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivati Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3	8)	Secur Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5)	sed					(Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	06/30/2016		J <u>(2)</u>		218		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	218	\$ 114.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WARD MICHAEL J CSX TRANSPORTATION 500 WATER STREET, C-900 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202	X						

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Henkel, Attorney-in-Fact

07/05/2016

**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) 1-for-
- (2) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
- (3) Subject to any deferral election on timing of distribution by the reporting person under the Plan, the Common Stock Units are payable in Common Stock upon the reporting person's separation from service as a director.
- Balance includes 126 additional Common Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends on June 15, 2016 pursuant to Ashland's Deferred (4) Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3. One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock).

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