ASHLAND INC. Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILLIS J KEVIN | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|----------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD. | | | 05/05/2014 | X_ Officer (give title Other (speci below) below) Chief Financial Officer | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | (Street) | | , ε | o. marviduai of John/Group Finnig(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| COVINGTON, KY 41011 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ole I - Non-De | erivative S | Securi | ties Acquir | ed, 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 (A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 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) |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | | Code V $S_{\underline{(1)}}$ | Amount 987 | (D) | Price \$ 100.07 | 15,915 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 2,500 | A | \$ 51.86 | 18,415 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | | M(1) | 3,675 | A | \$ 55.56 | 22,090 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | | M(1) | 2,900 | A | \$ 70.37 | 24,990 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | | $F^{(1)(3)}$ | 1,721 | D | \$ 100.07 | 23,269 (2) | D | |

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| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | F(1)(4) | 2,628 | D | \$ 100.07 | 20,641 | D | |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-------|---|--------------|----------------|---|--------|
| Common Stock | 05/05/2014 | F(1)(5) | 2,349 | D | \$ 100.07 | 18,292 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 14,329 (6) | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 887 <u>(7)</u> | I | LESOP |

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) | tive Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of | | 7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | ' (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Ar or Nu of Sh |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 51.86 | 05/05/2014 | | M(1)(8) | 2,500 | 11/17/2011 | 12/17/2020 | Common Stock | 2 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 55.56 | 05/05/2014 | | M(1)(9) | 3,675 | 12/02/2012 | 01/02/2022 | Common Stock | 3 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 70.37 | 05/05/2014 | | M(1)(10) | 2,900 | 11/14/2013 | 12/14/2022 | Common Stock | 2 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief Financial Officer

Reporting Owners 2

WILLIS J KEVIN 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD. COVINGTON, KY 41011

Signatures

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

05/07/2014

**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) The transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 21, 2014.
- (2) Includes 15,915 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 8 below.
- Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 9 below.
- Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 10 below.
- (6) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of May 2, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (7) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of May 2, 2014.
- (8) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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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