PERRY BARRY W

Form 4

January 30, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PERRY BARRY W

(First) (Middle) (Last)

25 WEATHERFIELD DRIVE

(Street)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/26/2007

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Securities

Beneficially

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

(City) (State)

NEWTOWN, PA 18940

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> SEC 1474 (9-02)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Symbol

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

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

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares

Restricted

Stock (1) 01/26/2007 A 1,472 (2) (2) Common Stock 1,472 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PERRY BARRY W
25 WEATHERFIELD DRIVE X
NEWTOWN, PA 18940

Signatures

David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact 01/30/2007

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.
- Grant of deferred Restricted Stock Units pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, and exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Restricted Stock Units will vest one year after date of grant and will be payable in cash or stock upon termination of service. (One (1) Restricted Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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