

Solomon Walter H  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Solomon Walter H

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)  
 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

(Street)  
 LEXINGTON, KY 40509

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2010		M	1,603	A \$ 19.75	14,147	D
Common Stock	02/22/2010		M	1,069	A \$ 23.87	15,216	D
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S	1,603	D \$ 46.5	13,613	D
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S	1,069	D \$ 46.5	12,544	D
Common Stock	02/22/2010		S	6,760	D \$ 46.5	5,784	D

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Common Stock	02/22/2010	M	7,200	A	\$ 10.72	12,984	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2010	D <sup>(1)</sup>	3,610	D	\$ 46.5	9,374	D	
Common Stock						5,479 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k)

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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.75	02/22/2010		M <sup>(3)</sup>	1,603	09/19/2003 10/19/2012	Common Stock	1,603	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.87	02/22/2010		M <sup>(3)</sup>	1,069	09/18/2004 10/18/2013	Common Stock	1,069	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.72	02/22/2010		M <sup>(4)</sup>	7,200	11/20/2009 12/20/2018	Common Stock	7,200	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Solomon Walter H 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY			Vice President	

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

## Signatures

/s/David B. Mattingly,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2010

\_\_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 disposition of the 3,610 shares reflects the cost of exercising the 7,200 Stock Appreciation Rights at the exercise price and includes taxes withheld for the transaction.
- (2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 2-22-10, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.  
Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended Stock Incentive Plan
- (3) which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- (4) 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.

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