

WILLIS J KEVIN  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
WILLIS J KEVIN		(Month/Day/Year)	ASHLAND INC. [ASH]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD.			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Chief Financial Officer	
COVINGTON, KY 41011			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	13,836 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k)
Common Stock	1,012	D	^
Restricted Stock	10,302 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	887 <sup>(3)</sup>	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Appreciation Right	11/15/2007	12/15/2016	Common Stock	2,900	\$ 65.78 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/18/2010	12/18/2019	Common Stock	1,600	\$ 37.69 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/17/2011	12/17/2020	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 51.86 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	12/02/2012	01/02/2022	Common Stock	4,900	\$ 55.56 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/14/2013	12/14/2022	Common Stock	5,800	\$ 70.37 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock Units	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	14,764	\$ <sup>(7)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIS J KEVIN 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD. COVINGTON, KY 41011	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ David A. Rines,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/03/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of April 26, 2013, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (2) Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 4/26/2013.
- (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.
- (5) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 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.
- (6) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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