

ASHLAND INC.
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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 *
Silverman Keith C

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)
1005 ROUTE 202/206
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/19/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | M | | 3,100 A \$ 70.37 | 4,692 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 365 D \$ 111.89 | 4,327 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | F ⁽³⁾ | | 2,367 D \$ 111.89 | 1,960 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2015 | | S | | 733 D \$ 111.89 | 1,227 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 418 ⁽⁴⁾ | I 401(k) |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 70.37 | 11/19/2015 | | M ⁽⁵⁾ | 3,100 | 11/14/2013 12/14/2022 | Common Stock | 3,100 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Silverman Keith C 1005 ROUTE 202/206 BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

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

11/23/2015

__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) Payment of tax liability by withholding of securities incident to the settlement of LTIP award referenced in Form 4 filed 11-20-2015.
- (2) Includes 358 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (3) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 5 below.
- (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of November 18, 2015, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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- (5) 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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