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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WILLIS J KEVIN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD.

(Street)

COVINGTON, KY 41011

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2016 | | M | | 169 | A | \$ 102.7 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2016 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 53 | D | \$ 102.7 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 15,117 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 887 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| | | | | | | I | 401(k) |
| | | | | | | 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Common Stock Units | (6) | 01/04/2016 | | M | 169 | (7) (7) | Common Stock | 169 \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

01/06/2016

__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) Shares of common stock received in settlement of an equal number of common stock units as described in footnote (7) below.
- (2) Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the conversion of common stock units referenced in footnote (7) below.
- (3) Includes 12,736 shares of unvested Restricted Stock and also includes 45 additional shares of Common Stock acquired in lieu of cash dividends on December 15, 2015 and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of December 31, 2015, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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(5) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2015.

(6) 1 for 1.

The common stock units were converted into shares of common stock pursuant to an election for fixed schedule distributions established by the reporting person under the Ashland Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees (2005) (the "Employee Deferral Plan").

(7) Fixed schedule distributions under the Employee Deferral Plan must be made not less than two years measured from the beginning of the plan year after the plan year in which the election is made. Each common stock unit under the Employee Deferral Plan entitles a participant to receive one share of Ashland common stock or the cash value thereof.

Balance includes 56 additional Common Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends on December 15, 2015 pursuant to Ashland's

(8) Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3. One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock).

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