WARD MICHAEL J

Form 4

February 02, 2009

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* WARD MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

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

X\_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

CSX TRANSPORTATION, 500

(Street)

WATER STREET, C-900

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

01/29/2009

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) or

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

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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

Conversion or Exercise

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

any

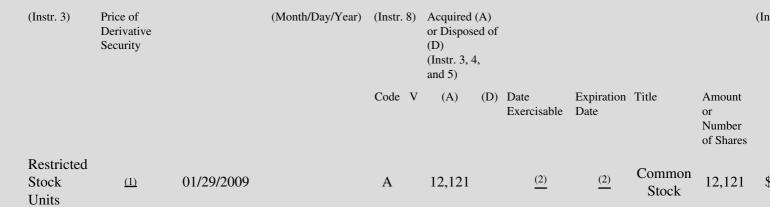
4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Se

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WARD MICHAEL J CSX TRANSPORTATION 500 WATER STREET, C-900 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202	X			

## **Signatures**

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

02/02/2009

\*\*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. (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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