ASHLAND INC. Form 4 January 29, 2016

# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Manager Vada O

Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

8203 WATERSIDE COURT

01/27/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

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

Person

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

below)

FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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|                              | Derivative<br>Security |            |             |   | or Dispos<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) | str. 3, 4, |                     |                    |                 |  |    |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|---|--|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|----|
|                              |                        |            | Code        | V | (A)  | (D)        | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |    |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | (1)                    | 01/27/2016 | <u>I(2)</u> |   |  | 717        | (3)                 | (3)                | Common<br>Stock | 717                                    | \$ |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | (1)                    | 01/27/2016 | A           |   | 1,166                                      |            | <u>(4)</u>          | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 1,166                                  | \$ |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| Manager Vada O<br>8203 WATERSIDE COURT<br>FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu, Attorney-in-Fact

01/29/2016

\*\*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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.
- (2) Intra-plan transfer out of Ashland's Stock Fund pursuant to Ashland's 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).
- (3) Subject to any deferral election on timing of distribution by the reporting person under the Plan, the reporting person may, prior to vesting, elect to receive the Restricted Stock Units in Common Stock or cash upon separation from service as a director.
- 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.)
- Balance includes 93 additional Restricted Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends on December 15, 2015 pursuant to Ashland's

  (5) 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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