ASHLAND INC. Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MITCHELL SAMUEL J

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Month/Day/Year)

3499 BLAZER PARKWAY

(Street)

(State)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

12/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

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

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

I

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

216

750 (1)

401(K)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number Doof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Units	\$ 0 (2)	12/15/2008		J <u>(3)</u>	208	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	208	\$ 10.1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

MITCHELL SAMUEL J 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY LEXINGTON, KY 40509

Vice President

Signatures

David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact

12/17/2008

**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) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 12-15-08, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan as of 12-15-08, 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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