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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHAMBERS LAMAR M

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

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

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

50 E. RIVERCENTER

07/17/2009

X_ Officer (give title below)

BOULEVARD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(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. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

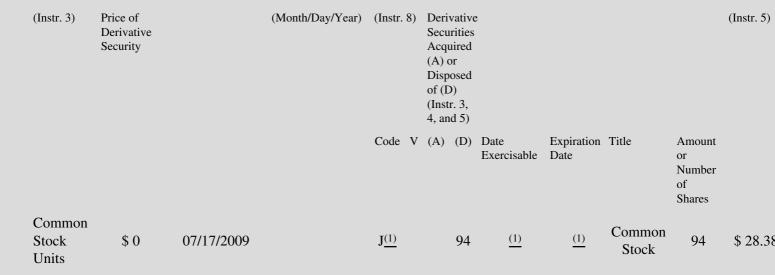
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other 10% Owner Officer Director

CHAMBERS LAMAR M 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

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

07/21/2009

**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).

Payment of tax liability by withholding incident to the receipt of the vesting of Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's

Stock Incentive Plan as of 7/17/09, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(e). (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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