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## Form 4

December 17, 2002
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1 (b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Drew, Ernest H
2029 Las Tunas Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ashland Inc.
ASH
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year

December 16, 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director ( ) 10\% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check 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

1. Title of Security |2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A) |5.Amount of
| Transaction | or Disposed of (D) | Securities



| Table II -- Derivativ | ve Securiti | ites Acquired, | Disposed of, or Beneficial | Owned |
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| 1.Title of Derivative Security | 12.con- | \| $3 . \quad\|4 . \quad\|$ |  |  |
|  | \|version | \| Transaction | |  |  |
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|  | \|cise | 11 |  |  |
|  | \|Price of| | $1 \quad 1$ |  |  |
|  | \| Deriva- | $1 \quad 1$ |  |  |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of restricted common stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
2. Shares allocated pursuant to Ashland's Open Enrollment Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan as of 12-16-02.
3. Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding
feature pursuant to the
plan.
4. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of $12-16-02$, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt
under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
Amelia A. McCarty Attorney-in-Fact
DATE
December 16, 2002
