

Craycraft Robert M  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Craycraft Robert M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5200 BLAZER PARKWAY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/22/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

DUBLIN, OH 43017

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		356	A	\$ 38.47
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		1,469	A	\$ 49.79
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		3,675	A	\$ 10.72
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M		3,050	A	\$ 37.69
Common Stock	11/22/2010		D <sup>(1)</sup>		291	D	\$ 52.68

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Common Stock	11/22/2010		D <sup>(2)</sup>	5,557	D	\$ 52.69	2,702	D	
Common Stock							1,419 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401(k)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 38.47	11/22/2010		M <sup>(4)</sup>	356	09/16/2005 10/16/2014	Common Stock	356
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 49.79	11/22/2010		M <sup>(4)</sup>	1,469	09/15/2006 10/15/2015	Common Stock	1,469
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.72	11/22/2010		M <sup>(5)</sup>	3,675	11/20/2009 12/20/2018	Common Stock	3,675
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 37.69	11/22/2010		M <sup>(5)</sup>	3,050	11/18/2010 12/18/2019	Common Stock	3,050

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Craycraft Robert M 5200 BLAZER PARKWAY DUBLIN, OH 43017			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ David A. Rines,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/24/2010

\_\_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) The disposition of the 291 shares reflects the cost of exercising the 356 Stock Appreciation Rights at the exercise price and includes taxes withheld for the transaction.
- (2) The disposition of the 5,557 shares reflects the cost of exercising the 8,194 Stock Appreciation Rights at the exercise price and includes taxes withheld for the transaction.
- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 11-22-10, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended Stock Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year.
- (5) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year.

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