

ASHLAND INC.
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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 *
ESLER SUSAN B

(Last) (First) (Middle)
50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD
(Street)

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/12/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/12/2014		A ⁽¹⁾	1,050 A \$ 112.91	2,264	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2014		F ⁽²⁾	192 D \$ 112.85	2,072 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					999 ⁽⁴⁾	I	401(k)
Common Stock					54	I	By Spouse's Trust

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)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 112.91	11/12/2014		A ⁽¹⁾	4,400	11/12/2015 ⁽¹⁾ 12/12/2024	Common Stock 4,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ESLER SUSAN B 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,
Attorney-in-Fact 11/14/2014

**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) Grant of Restricted Common Stock, pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant will vest in three years.
- (2) Payment of tax liability by withholding incident to the receipt of the vesting of shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated 2011 Stock Incentive plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3
- (3) Includes 1,862 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of October 31, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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