

ASHLAND INC.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WILLIS J KEVIN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD.

(Street)

COVINGTON, KY 41011

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/18/2015

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)
Chief Financial Officer

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/18/2015 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 1,761 | A \$ 111.89 | 14,567 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 15,048 ⁽³⁾ | I 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 887 ⁽³⁾ | I LESOP |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 111.89 | 11/18/2015 | | A | 16,050 | 11/18/2016 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/18/2025 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(5)</u> | 11/18/2015 | | A | 3,050 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLIS J KEVIN 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD. COVINGTON, KY 41011 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,
Attorney-in-Fact 11/20/2015

**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) Ashland Common Stock acquired upon settlement of LTIP award pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated 2011 Incentive Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Includes 12,806 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of November 18, 2015, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2015 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the first year, the next 25% the second year and the remaining 25% the third year.
- (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.
- (6)

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Grant of Restricted Stock Units, pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2015 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 equal annual installments beginning one year from the date of grant, provided that the Reported Person remains in continuous employment with the Issuer.

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