

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 *
Shannon Michael J

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

DUBLIN, OH 43017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/06/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	11/06/2007		A ⁽¹⁾	6,200 A \$ 0	6,400	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2007		F ⁽²⁾	3,014 D \$ 55.58	3,386	D	
Restricted Stock	11/06/2007		J ⁽³⁾	6,200 D \$ 0	0	D	
Common Stock					5,079 ⁽⁴⁾	I	401(K)
Common Stock					1,617 ⁽⁵⁾	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nature and Extent of Ownership (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shannon Michael J 5200 BLAZER PARKWAY DUBLIN, OH 43017			Vice President	

Signatures

David B. Mattingly,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/08/2007

****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).
- (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 stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 11-6-07, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (3) Reflects the lapsing of restrictions on Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (5) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 11-6-07.
- (1) Common Stock acquired pursuant to the lapsing of the restrictions on Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's Stock Incentive Plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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