

ASHLAND INC.

Form 4

December 17, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LIGOCKI KATHLEEN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**430 CASCADA CASA  
2, JARDINES DEL PEDREGAL**

(Street)

**MEXICO CITY 01900**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/15/2008**

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number<br>of | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                       |                              |                                         |                                         |                        |                 |                                                                |                                                                     |                                       |

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| (Instr. 3)                   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)   | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Instr. 5) |     |                     |                    |                 |                                        |         |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
|                              |                                    |                  | Code         | V                                                                                               | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |         |
| Common<br>Stock<br>Units     | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>                    | 12/15/2008       | J <u>(2)</u> |                                                                                                 | 20         |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 20                                     | \$ 10.1 |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units | <u>(3)</u>                         | 12/15/2008       | J <u>(4)</u> |                                                                                                 | 28         |     | <u>(4)</u>          | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 28                                     | \$ 10.1 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LIGOCKI KATHLEEN<br>430 CASCADA CASA 2<br>JARDINES DEL PEDREGAL<br>MEXICO CITY 01900 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

David B. Mattingly,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/17/2008

                    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).

(3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.

(2) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-15-08 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.)

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(4) Restricted Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-15-08 and exempt from Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Restricted Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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