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ASHLAND INC

Form 4

December 17, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

O'Brien, James J.

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard

Covington, Kentucky 41012

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ashland Inc.

ASH

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 13, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

() Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other

(specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person

() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
Common Stock				3,192 (1)
Common Stock				400 (2)
Common Stock				1,318

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call

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Option (3)	33.125						9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	1,000	
							94	-03			
	33.125						9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	500	
							95	-03			
	33.125						9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	500	
							96	-03			
Option (4)	35.875						9-15-	10-15-	Common Stock	750	
							95	-04			
	35.875						9-15-	10-15-	Common Stock	375	
							96	-04			
	35.875						9-15-	10-15-	Common Stock	375	
							97	-04			
Option (4)	33.875						9-21-	10-21-	Common Stock	1,000	
							96	-05			
	33.875						9-21-	10-21-	Common Stock	500	
							97	-05			
	33.875						9-21-	10-21-	Common Stock	500	
							98	-05			
Option (4)	31.125						11-2-	12-2-	Common Stock	4,000	
							96	05			
	31.125						11-2-	12-2-	Common Stock	2,000	
							97	05			
	31.125						11-2-	12-2-	Common Stock	2,000	
							98	05			
Option (4)	39.00						9-19-	10-19-	Common Stock	5,000	
							97	-06			
	39.00						9-19-	10-19-	Common Stock	2,500	
							98	-06			
	39.00						9-19-	10-19-	Common Stock	2,500	
							99	-06			
Option (5)	53.375						9-18-	10-18-	Common Stock	5,000	
							98	-07			
	53.375						9-18-	10-18-	Common Stock	2,500	
							99	-07			
	53.375						9-18-	10-18-	Common Stock	2,500	
							00	-07			
Option (5)	48.00						9-17-	10-17-	Common Stock	5,000	
							99	-08			
	48.00						9-17-	10-17-	Common Stock	2,500	
							00	-08			

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	48.00					9-17-	10-17-	Common Stock	2,500	
						01	-08			
Option (5)	36.625					9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	15,000	
						00	-09			
	36.625					9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	15,000	
						01	-09			
	36.625					9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	15,000	
						02	-09			
	36.625					9-16-	10-16-	Common Stock	15,000	
						03	-09			
Option (6)	36.38					9-20-	10-20-	Common Stock	12,500	
						02	-11			
	36.38					9-20-	10-20-	Common Stock	6,250	
						03	-11			
	36.38					9-20-	10-20-	Common Stock	6,250	
						04	-11			
Option (6)	28.13					9-19-	10-19-	Common Stock	65,000	
						03	-12			
	28.13					9-19-	10-19-	Common Stock	32,500	
						04	-12			
	28.13					9-19-	10-19-	Common Stock	32,500	
						05	-12			
Common Stock Units	1-for-1	12-13 J		32	A			Common Stock	32	\$28
		-02								
	1-for-1	12-16 J		700	A			Common Stock	700	\$29
		-02								

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 9-30-02.
2. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 9-30-02, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
3. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
4. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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6 . Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

7. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 12-16-02, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)feature pursuant to the plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

M. Craig Hall - Attorney-in-Fact

DATE

December 16, 2002