

NOONAN PATRICK F

Form 4

January 28, 2005

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 *
NOONAN PATRICK F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1800 NORTH KENT
STREET, SUITE 1120

(Street)

ARLINGTON, VA 22209

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/27/2005

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
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	01/27/2005		M		500	A	\$ 33 500	I ⁽¹⁾ By grandson
Common Stock	01/27/2005		M		500	A	\$ 33 500	I ⁽²⁾ By grandson

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33	01/27/2005		M		500		07/27/1995	01/27/2005	Common Stock	500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33	01/27/2005		M		500		07/27/1995	01/27/2005	Common Stock	500
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 60.66	01/27/2005		J		7,000		07/27/2005	02/27/2015	Common Stock	7,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
NOONAN PATRICK F 1800 NORTH KENT STREET SUITE 1120 ARLINGTON, VA 22209	X

Signatures

Jami K. Suver,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/28/2005

__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) I hereby disclaim beneficial ownership of securities exercised by my grandson, Ryan Ziemski.

(2) I hereby disclaim beneficial ownership of securities exercised by my grandson, John Ziemski.

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- (3) Grant of stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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