

WATERS FRANK L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WATERS FRANK L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

(Street)

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		1,000 A \$ 39	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		10,000 A \$ 36.625	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		16,875 A \$ 28.13	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M		7,500 A \$ 34	D	
Common Stock	06/16/2005		S		35,375 D \$ 69.529	D	

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Common Stock	1,824 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(K)
Common Stock	670 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	LESOP

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.13	06/16/2005		M <sup>(4)</sup>		16,875	09/19/2003	10/19/2012	Common Stock	16,875
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34	06/16/2005		M <sup>(4)</sup>		7,500	09/18/2004	10/18/2013	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 36.625	06/16/2005		M <sup>(5)</sup>		10,000	09/16/2000	10/16/2009	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39	06/16/2005		M <sup>(6)</sup>		1,000	09/19/1997	10/19/2006	Common Stock	1,000
Common Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	06/15/2005		J <sup>(8)</sup>		76	<sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock	76

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATERS FRANK L			Vice President	

## Signatures

Jami K. Suver,  
Attorney-in-Fact

06/17/2005

\_\_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) 25 of these shares are held in Ashland's Open Enrollment Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan as of 6-15-05.

(2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 6-15-05, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

(3) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 6-15-05.

(4) Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. 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 which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

(6) Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

(7) 1-for-1

(8) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan as of 6-15-05, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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