

ASHLAND INC.
Form 4
January 06, 2015

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 *
WILLIS J KEVIN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD.

(Street)

COVINGTON, KY 41011

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2015

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)

Chief Financial Officer

6. 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 (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)
Common Stock	01/02/2015		M	167 A	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ 21,963	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2015		F ⁽²⁾	52 D	\$ 119.76 21,911	D	
Common Stock					14,548 ⁽³⁾	I	401(k)
Common Stock					887 ⁽⁴⁾	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Units	(5)	01/02/2015		M	167	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	167	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WILLIS J KEVIN 50 E. RIVERCENTER BLVD. COVINGTON, KY 41011	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,
Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Shares of common stock received in settlement of an equal number of common stock units as described in footnote (5) below.
- (2) Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the conversion of common stock units referenced in footnote (5) below.
- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of December 1, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 1, 2014.
- (5) 1 for 1.

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- The common stock units were converted into shares of common stock pursuant to an election for fixed schedule distributions established by the reporting person under the Ashland Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees (2005) (the "Employee Deferral Plan"). Fixed
- (6) schedule distributions under the Employee Deferral Plan must be made not less than two years measured from the beginning of the plan year after the plan year in which the election is made. Each common stock unit under the Employee Deferral Plan entitles a participant to receive one share of Ashland common stock or the cash value thereof.

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