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March 19, 2003

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

Drew, Ernest H 2029 Las Tunas Rd Santa Barbara, CA 93103

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ashland Inc.

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- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year March 17, 2003
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 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-Derivat: | ive Secu | rities Acquir | ed, Disposed of | , or Bene | eficiall | y Owned | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security | Tr | | Securities Acquor Disposed of Amount | | Price | 5.Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | |
| Common Stock | 1 | 1 1 1 | | 1 1 | | 6,000 | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,000 (1) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 158 (2) | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Table II Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|----|-------------|---------------|-----|
| 1.Title of Derivative | | | | | | | | | | |
| Security | version | Tran | saction | ri | ivativ | e Sed | cu | cisable and | of Underlying | of |
| | or Exer | | 1 | r: | ities 2 | Acqui | i | Expiration | Securities | va |
| | cise | | 1 | re | ed(A) | or Di | is | Date(Month/ | | Se |
| | Price of | <i>i</i> | | pc | osed of | f(D) | | Day/Year) | | ri |
| | Deriva- | | | | | | | Date Expir | | |
| | tive | | | | | | A/ | Exer- ation | Title and Num | ber |
| | Secu- | 1 | | | | - | D | cisa- Date | of Shares | 1 |
| | rity | Date | e Code V | J I | Amount | | | ble | | |

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| Option (3) | 46.76 | | | | | | - Common | | • | |
|--------------------|-----------|---|-----|--------|---|---|--------------|---|---|----------|
| Option (3) | 27.22 | | | | | | | | • | |
| Common Stock Units | . , . | | | 97 | • | | Common | | | \$27 |
| | I | I | - 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares of restricted common stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- 2. Shares allocated pursuant to Ashland's Open Enrollment Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan as of 3-17-03.
- 3. Stock options (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.

4. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 3-17-03, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service 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)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

M. Craig Hall - Attorney-in-Fact

DATE

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