NOONAN PATRICK F

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ASHLAND INC [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

NOONAN PATRICK F

(First)

11901 GLEN MILL

(Street)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2005

Symbol

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

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

POTOMAC, MD 20854

(City) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(A)

or

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. 4. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price o **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)

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| | Security | | | | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|------------|------|---|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| | | | Code | V | 4, and (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Common Stock | \$ 0 (1) | 03/15/2005 | J(2) | | 67 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 67 | \$ 66.61 |

Securities

Reporting Owners

Derivative

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Toporous o water runte / runte oso | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| NOONAN PATRICK F 11901 GLEN MILL | X | | | | | | | |
| POTOMAC, MD 20854 | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Units

Jami K. Suver, Attorney-in-Fact 03/17/2005

**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) 1-for-1

Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 3-15-05, 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 is one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock).

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