

Solomon Walter H
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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 *
Solomon Walter H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3499 BLAZER PARKWAY
(Street)

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2012

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)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | | M | V | 7,200 | \$ 10.72 | 24,990 D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | | M | V | 3,562 | \$ 38.47 | 28,552 D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | D | 3,314 | \$ 64.16 | 25,238 D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | | F ⁽²⁾ | D | 2,680 | \$ 64.18 | 22,558 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,280 ⁽³⁾ I 401(k) |

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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)

Table with 7 main columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes entries for Stock Appreciation Rights with details on price, date, code, and quantity.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Lists Solomon Walter H and his role as Vice President.

Signatures

/s/ David A. Rines, Attorney-in-Fact, 03/06/2012. Includes a note: **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) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 4.
(2)

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Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 5.

- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 3-2-12, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Stock Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the first year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the third year.
- (5) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated 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.

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