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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Solomon Walter H Issuer Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY 01/28/2009 below) Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	rivative So	ecuritio	es Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/28/2009		A <u>(1)</u>	1,871	A	\$0	5,737	D	
Restricted Stock	01/28/2009		A(2)	20,000	A	\$0	23,000	D	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Solomon Walter H 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

Vice President

Signatures

/s/David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact

01/30/2009

**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) Ashland Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- Grant of Restricted Common Stock, pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt (2) pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The 20,000 shares included in this grant will vest 50% after 1 year, on January 28, 2010, and the remaining 50% after 2 years, on January 28, 2011.

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