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Form 5 obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instructior 1(b).	Section 17((a) of the I	Public U		lding Co	ompany	Act	nge Act of 1934 of 1935 or Sect 940			
(Print or Type Respo	onses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Turner John F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
											(Last) (First) (Middle) TRANGLE X RANCH
	(Street)							below) below)			
MOOSE, WY 8	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Securi	ties A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	ansaction Date nth/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Dispose (Instr. 3	(A) or d of (D) , 4 and 5 (A) or) Price	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)	
Reminder: Report or	n a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially o	wned dire	ectly o	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 Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		(Instr. 5)

	Derivative Security				Securitie Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	1				
			Code	V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/15/2009	J <u>(2)</u>		31	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	31	\$ 39.6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Turner John F TRANGLE X RANCH MOOSE, WY 83012	Х						
Signatures							
/s/David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact		12/16/2	009				
**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.

Restricted Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-15-09 and (2) exempt from Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Restricted Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.