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obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	-	a) of the H	Public U	tility Hol	ding Co		of 1935 or Section	on		
(Print or Type Respon	ises)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Manager Vada O			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) 744 E. DESERT FLOWER LANE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2009				XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)			
(S	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 					
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(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivativ	e Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	nsaction Date h/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) or d of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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 on	a separate line	for each cla	ass of secu	urities benef	ficially ov	vned 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 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	9		(Instr. 5)

	Derivative Security			/ (] ((Securitie Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5	d d				
			Code	V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2009	J <u>(2)</u>		27	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	27	\$ 39.6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Manager Vada O 744 E. DESERT FLOWER LANE PHOENIX, AZ 85048	Х						
Signatures							
/s/David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact		12/16/2009					
<u>**</u> 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.