ASHLAND INC.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **OBRIEN JAMES J/KY**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

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

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

(Check all applicable)

50 E. RIVERCENTER

11/13/2013

below)

BOULEVARD

Chief Executive Officer

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

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(City)	(State) (Z	(Zip) 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 3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)				of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock	11/13/2013		A(1)	13,500	A	\$ 89.69	13,500	D		
Common Stock	11/13/2013		A(2)	60,676	A	\$ 0	60,676	D		
Common Stock	11/13/2013		F(3)	30,346	D	\$ 89.69	30,330	D		
Common Stock							3,174 <u>(4)</u>	I	401(k)	
Common Stock							2,655 <u>(5)</u>	I	Lesop	

Common Stock 130,603 I By Trust for Child

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 Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	SA. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of orDerivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 89.86	11/13/2013		A(6)	50,100	11/13/2014(6)	12/13/2023	Common Stock	50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OBRIEN JAMES J /KY 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Henkel, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- Grant of Restricted Common Stock, pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the (1) shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant will vest 1/3 after the first year, the next 1/3 after the second year and the remaining 1/3 the third year.
- (2) Ashland Common Stock acquired upon settlement of LTIP award pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).

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- (3) Payment of tax liability by withholding of securities incident to the settlement of LTIP award referenced in footnote 2.
- (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of October 31, 2013, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (5) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of October 31, 2013.
- (6) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2011 Ashland Inc. 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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