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ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 30, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 30, 2006

ASHLAND INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Kentucky  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-32532  
(Commission File Number)

20-0865835  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

41011  
(Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky  
(Mailing Address)

41012-0391  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (859) 815-3333

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 2230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

On March 30, 2006, Ashland Inc. announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to purchase the water treatment business of Degussa AG, branded under the Stockhausen name, in a transaction valued at approximately \$144 million (120 million euros). Five manufacturing

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facilities located in Germany, China, Brazil, Russia and the United States are included in the transaction. The closing, which is anticipated to take place in May 2006, is conditional upon a number of standard closing conditions, including regulatory review.

The proposed transaction is further described in the attached press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 30, 2006

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.

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(Registrant)

Date: March 30, 2006

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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Name: J. Marvin Quin  
Title: Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated March 30, 2006