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ASHLAND INC  
Form 425  
June 29, 2005

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): June 29, 2005

ASHLAND INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918  
(Commission File Number)

61-0122250  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky  
(Address of principal executive offices)

41012-0391  
(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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

Ashland Inc. ("Ashland") announced today that at a special shareholders meeting held today, its shareholders approved the previously announced agreement to transfer Ashland's 38-percent interest in Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC and two other businesses to Marathon Oil Corporation in a transaction valued at approximately \$3.7 billion. The other businesses

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are Ashland's maleic anhydride business and 60 Valvoline Instant Oil Change (VIOC) centers in Michigan and northwest Ohio. Details of the shareholder vote and related issues are included in the attached press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated June 29, 2005

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: June 29, 2005

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated June 29, 2005