

ASHLAND INC.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Schumann Anne T.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1313 N MARKET STREET
(Street)

WILMINGTON, DE 19894

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/15/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	07/15/2016		M ⁽¹⁾		1,375	A \$ 0	12,178 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	07/15/2016		F ⁽³⁾		879	D \$ 122.47	11,299 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	07/18/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		496	D \$ 121.61	10,803 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock							1,296 ⁽⁴⁾ I 401(K)

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 55.56	07/15/2016		M ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	1,375	12/02/2012 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/02/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schumann Anne T. 1313 N MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, DE 19894			Vice President	

Signatures

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

07/19/2016

**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) The transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 30, 2015.
 - (2) Includes 5,973 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
 - (3) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 5 below.
 - (4) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of July 12, 2016, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
 - (5) 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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