

DREW ERNEST H  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
DREW ERNEST H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2029 LAS TUNAS ROAD

(Street)

SANTA BARBARA, CA 93103

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/01/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	6,221 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Restricted Stock				(A) or (D) Price	1,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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)**

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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.45	07/01/2005		A <sup>(3)</sup>	3,032	07/30/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/28/2013	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.22	07/01/2005		D <sup>(3)</sup>	2,500	07/30/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/28/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.56	07/01/2005		A <sup>(4)</sup>	3,032	07/31/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/29/2012	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 46.76	07/01/2005		D <sup>(4)</sup>	2,500	07/31/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/29/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 50.02	07/01/2005		A <sup>(5)</sup>	8,490	07/27/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/27/2015	Common Stock	8,490
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 60.66	07/01/2005		D <sup>(5)</sup>	7,000	07/27/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/27/2015	Common Stock	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DREW ERNEST H 2029 LAS TUNAS ROAD SANTA BARBARA, CA 93103	X			

## Signatures

Jami K. Suver,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/15/2005

\_\_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) 221 of these shares are held in Ashland's Open Enrollment Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan as of 7/11/2005.
- (2) Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.  
Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option
- (3) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 30, 2003 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.  
Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option
- (4) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 31, 2002 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.  
Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option
- (5) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 27, 2005 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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