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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HAUSRATH DAVID L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
50 E. RIVERCENTER
BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/30/2006

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

Senior Vice President

(Street)

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) (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 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/30/2006		G	V	165	D	\$ 0	5,183	D	
Common Stock								1,701 <u>(1)</u>	I	401 (K)
Common Stock								3,988 <u>(2)</u>	I	LESOP

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HAUSRATH DAVID L 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391	Senior Vice President

Signatures

David B. Mattingly,
Attorney-in-Fact 08/31/2006

__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).

(2) Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 8-30-06.

(1) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 8-30-06, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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