

ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2008

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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): April 29, 2008

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 41011  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391  
(Mailing Address) (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))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

In its second quarter fiscal 2008 earnings conference call today, James J. O'Brien, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ashland Inc. ("Ashland"), disclosed that Ashland has cost savings initiatives in place that are expected to generate \$14 million in run-rate savings by the end of fiscal 2008 and a cumulative \$40 million in run-rate savings by the end of fiscal 2009. Mr. O'Brien also disclosed that Ashland is pursuing business model changes and has set an objective to drive an additional \$25 million of savings by the end of 2009.

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.  
(Registrant)

April 29, 2008

/s/ J. Marvin Quin  
J. Marvin Quin  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer