

ASHLAND INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**DEMPSEY WILLIAM G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
640 WATERSIDE DRIVE  
  
(Street)

MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/20/2016**

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	07/20/2016		A(1)	1,000	\$ 122.37	1,000	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/20/2016		A	450	(3) (3)	Common Stock	450 \$ 122

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEMPSEY WILLIAM G 640 WATERSIDE DRIVE MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Michael S. Roe,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 07/21/2016

\*\*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) Grant of Restricted Common Stock, pursuant to the 2015 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant will vest on the earlier of: (i) the Outside Director's Retirement, as defined in the Plan; (ii) the Outside Director's death or Disability, as defined in the Plan; or (iii) a 50% change in the beneficial ownership of Ashland Inc. as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.

(3) Grant of deferred Restricted Stock Units pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, and exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Restricted Stock Units will vest one year after date of grant. (One (1) Restricted Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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