

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 \*  
**HEITMAN WILLIAM J**

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

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/18/2015

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)  
Controller

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)
Common Stock	11/18/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 1,761 A \$ 111.89	11,546 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					317 <sup>(3)</sup>	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	\$ 111.89	11/18/2015		A	3,600	11/18/2016 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/18/2025 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	11/18/2015		A	700	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEITMAN WILLIAM J 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391			Controller	

## Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
11/20/2015

\*\*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) Ashland Common Stock acquired upon settlement of LTIP award pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated 2011 Incentive Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Includes 750 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of November 18, 2015, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2015 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the first year, the next 25% the second year and the remaining 25% the third year.
- (5) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.
- (6) Grant of Restricted Stock Units, pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2015 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3. The shares in this grant will vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the date

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of grant, provided that the Reported Person remains in continuous employment with the Issuer.

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