## ASHLAND INC. Form 3 July 21, 2016 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0104

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Person <u>*</u> DEMPSE		U	2. Date of Event Statement (Month/Day/Year		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH]							
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/20/2016		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
640 WATER	SIDE DRI	VE							•			
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)				6. Individual or Joint/Group				
MARCO ISL	AND, FI	LÂ 34145			X Director Officer (give title below	Other		_X_ Form Person	eck Applicable Line) filed by One Reporting filed by More than One Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tε	able I - N	on-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	eneficially	y Owned			
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Reminder: Report owned directly o		te line for ea	ch class of securiti	es benefici	<sup>ally</sup> SI	EC 1473 (7-02	)					
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Ta	ble II - Deri	ivative Secur	rities Beneficially	Owned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	tions, c	convertible	securities)			
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		Date	Expiration	n		Convitor		Since (D)				

Exercisable

Date

Title

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Direct (D)

or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

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Security

Amount or

Number of

Shares

January 31,

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## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DEMPSEY WILLIAM G 640 WATERSIDE DRIVE MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ Michael S. Roe, Attorney-in-Fact	07	/21/2016					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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