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ASHLAND INC Form 4

March 08, 2001

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP () Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b). 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Thomas, Richard P. 50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard Covington, KY 41012-0391 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ashland Inc. 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Year February 28, 2001 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

- () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below) Vice President: Secretary
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative	Securities Acquired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1. Title of Security	2. 3. 4.Securities Acqui Transaction or Disposed of ((D)	5.Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
Common Stock	2-5-01 S 966	D \$40.00	10
Common Stock			6,029 (1)
Common Stock	2-26-0 I (2 1,926 1)	D \$39.00	2,185 (3)

Table II Derivativ	ve Securit	ites A	Acquired	l, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	Owned	
1.Title of Derivative	2.Con-	13.	4.	5.Number of De	6.Date Exer 7	.Title and Amount	8.P
Security	version	Trans	saction	rivative Secu	cisable and	of Underlying	of
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	Price of	[]		posed of(D)	Day/Year)		rit
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	ltive	1	1	A	/ Exer- ation	Title and Number	1

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	Secu- rity	 Date		 V			cisa- ble	Date	of S	Shares		
Option (4)	35.875 							10-15 -04	Common	Stock	1,000	
Option (4)	33.875						9-21- 97		Common	Stock	1,000	
	33.875 						 9-21- 98		Common	Stock	1,000 	
Option (4)	39.00 						 9-19- 97		Common	Stock	2 , 000	
	39.00							10-19 -06	Common	Stock	1,000	
	39.00 	 					 9-19- 99		Common	Stock	1,000 	
Option (5)	53.375 						9-18- 98		Common	Stock	2 , 500	
	53.375 						 9-18- 99		Common	Stock	1,250 	
	53.375 						9-18- 00		Common	Stock	1,250 	
Option (5)	48.00						 9-17- 99		Common	Stock	4,000 	
	48.00							10-17 -08	Common	Stock	2 , 000	
	48.00							10-17 -08	Common	Stock	2,000 	
Option (5)	36.625		 					10-16 -09	Common	Stock	10 , 000	
	36.625						9-16- 01			Stock	10 , 000	
	36.625						9-16- 02			Stock	10 , 000	
	36.625								Common		10,000	
Common Stock Units	(6) 1-for-1		J		91	A			Common	Stock	91	
Common Stock Units	(7) 1-for-1	2-5-0 1				D	 		Common	Stock	 601 	\$39
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Explanation of Responses:
1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as

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of 2-28-01.

- 2. Intraplan transfer in Ashland's Employee Savings Plan.
- 3. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 2-26-01 and includes transactions on or after 9-30-00.
- 4. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993
- Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997
- Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 6. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 1--31--01 and

includes transactions on or after 9-30-00, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under

Rule 16b-3(d). The price of the Common Stock Units on applicable valuation dates has varied from \$31.938 - \$39.770.

7. Intraplan transfer in Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Richard P. Thomas

DATE

March 7, 2001