

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 *
Harris Theodore L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5200 BLAZER PARKWAY

(Street)

DUBLIN, OH 43017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. 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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | Price | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2014 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,300 | A \$ 0 | 66,770 D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2014 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 9,300 | A \$ 0 | 76,070 D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2014 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 5,561 | D \$ 120.33 | 63,989 D |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2014 | | F ⁽³⁾ | | 6,520 | D \$ 120.33 | 69,550 D |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2014 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,739 | D \$ 120.27 | 62,250 D |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 14, 2014.
- (2) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 6 below.
- (3) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by withholding securities incident to the exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights referenced in footnote 7 below.
- (4) Includes 20,095 shares of unvested Restricted Stock.
- (5) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of December 1, 2014, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (6) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year.
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