

ASHLAND INC.
Form 4
July 15, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HALE ROGER W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2915 INDIGOBUSH WAY

(Street)

NAPLES, FL 34105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2005

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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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V (A) (D)				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.45	07/01/2005	A ⁽¹⁾	3,032	07/30/2003 ⁽¹⁾	02/28/2013	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.22	07/01/2005	D ⁽¹⁾		07/30/2003 ⁽¹⁾	02/28/2013	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.56	07/01/2005	A ⁽²⁾	3,032	07/31/2002 ⁽²⁾	02/29/2012	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 46.76	07/01/2005	D ⁽²⁾		07/31/2002 ⁽²⁾	02/29/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 50.02	07/01/2005	A ⁽³⁾	8,490	07/27/2005 ⁽³⁾	02/27/2015	Common Stock	8,490
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 60.66	07/01/2005	D ⁽³⁾		07/27/2005 ⁽³⁾	02/27/2015	Common Stock	7,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HALE ROGER W 2915 INDIGOBUSH WAY NAPLES, FL 34105	X			

Signatures

Jami K. Suver,
Attorney-in-Fact 07/15/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option
(1) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 30, 2003 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option
(2) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 31, 2002 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

Amendment of outstanding stock option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The stock option
(3) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 27, 2005 under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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