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ASHLAND INC  
Form 8-K  
December 29, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 29, 2004

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918  
(Commission File Number)

61-0122250  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky  
(Address of principal executive offices)

41012-0391  
(Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky  
(Mailing Address)

41012-0391  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

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Ashland Inc. ("Ashland") announced today that Ashland Composite Polymers, a business group of Ashland Specialty Chemical, a division of Ashland, has completed its purchase of the DERAKANE\* epoxy vinyl ester resin business (which includes the DERAKANE MOMENTUM\* product line) from The Dow Chemical Company in a cash transaction valued at approximately \$90 million. Details of the transaction are included in the attached press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

\* Trademark of The Dow Chemical Company

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 29, 2004

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.

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(Registrant)

Date: December 29, 2004

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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Name: J. Marvin Quin  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated December 29, 2004