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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JACKSON MANNIE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS INTERNATIONAL, 400 EAST VAN BUREN STREET, SUITE 300

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

07/01/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(State) (Zip) (City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of **TransactionDerivative**

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

Title and Amoun Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.45	07/01/2005		A(1)	3,032		07/30/2003(1)	02/28/2013	Common Stock	3,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.22	07/01/2005		D <u>(1)</u>		2,500	07/30/2003(1)	02/28/2013	Common Stock	2,50
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 35.56	07/01/2005		A(2)	1,212		07/31/1997(2)	01/31/2007	Common Stock	1,2
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.56	07/01/2005		A(3)	3,032		07/31/2002(3)	02/09/2012	Common Stock	3,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 43.125	07/01/2005		D(2)		1,000	07/31/1997(2)	01/31/2007	Common Stock	1,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 43.5	07/01/2005		A(4)	1,212		07/30/1998(4)	01/30/2008	Common Stock	1,2
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 46.76	07/01/2005		D(3)		2,500	07/31/2002(3)	02/29/2012	Common Stock	2,50
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 50.02	07/01/2005		A(5)	8,490		07/27/2005(5)	02/27/2015	Common Stock	8,49
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 52.75	07/01/2005		D(4)		1,000	07/30/1998(4)	01/30/2008	Common Stock	1,00
	\$ 60.66	07/01/2005		D <u>(5)</u>		7,000	07/27/2005(5)	02/27/2015		7,00

Stock Options (Right to buy) Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JACKSON MANNIE L HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS INTERNATIONAL 400 EAST VAN BUREN STREET, SUITE 300

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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Signatures

Jami K. Suver, Attorney-in-Fact

07/15/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- 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, 1997 under Ashland's Deferred Compensation for Non-Employee Directors. 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 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 (4) (representing a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) was originally granted on January 30, 1998 under Ashland's Deferred Compensation for Non-Employee Directors. 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 (5) (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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