

ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
April 22, 2014

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

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FORM 8-K  
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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 21, 2014  
ASHLAND INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-32532  
(Commission File Number)

20-0865835  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard  
P.O. Box 391  
Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391

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))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On April 22, 2014, Ashland Inc. announced that Chairman and Chief Executive Officer James J. O'Brien has decided to retire effective December 31, 2014 after 38 years of service to Ashland. The Board of Directors has launched a formal search process to choose Mr. O'Brien's successor and has appointed a special committee, chaired by the lead independent director, to lead that search process.

Additional details regarding Mr. O'Brien's retirement are included in the news release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
99.1	News Release dated April 22, 2014.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.  
(Registrant)

April 22, 2014

/s/ Peter J. Ganz  
Peter J. Ganz  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 News Release dated April 22, 2014