**ASHLAND INC** Form 4/A April 04, 2005

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations

**SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

ESLER SUSAN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

(First)

(Middle)

ASHLAND INC [ASH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

50 E. RIVERCENTER

**BOULEVARD** 

(Last)

03/15/2005

X\_ Officer (give title below)

Issuer

Other (specify

10% Owner

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Director

below)

Vice President

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

03/17/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(City) (State)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code

(Instr. 8)

3.

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Owned

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

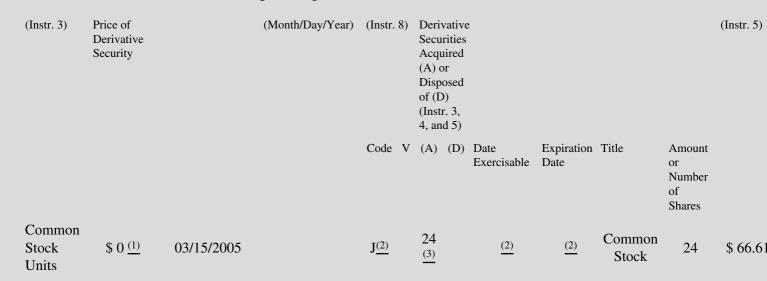
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price o Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivativ Security or Exercise any Code of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ESLER SUSAN B 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

Vice President

# **Signatures**

Jami K. Suver, Attorney-in-Fact

04/04/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) 1-for-1
- (2) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 3-15-05, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
- (3) This amount reflects the exclusion of 114 shares of Ashland Common Stock that were included on the insider's Form 4 filed on 3/17/05 due to an administrative error by the plan administrator.

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