Raymond Paul C Form 4 December 10, 2009

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Raymond Paul C Issuer Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ASH] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify HERCULES PLAZA, 1313 N 12/08/2009 below) MARKET STREET Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WILMINGTON, DE 19894 Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative (	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price \$	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/08/2009		S	7,797	D	37.94 (1)	0	D		
Common Stock							788 <u>(2)</u>	I	401(k)	

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)

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				Coue v	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Raymond Paul C HERCULES PLAZA 1313 N MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, DE 19894

Vice President

# **Signatures**

/s/David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact

12/09/2009

\*\*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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.93 to \$37.98, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Ashland Inc., any security holder of Ashland Inc., or the staff **(1)** of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 12-8-09, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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