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ASHLAND INC.
Form 8-K
January 25, 2006

UNITED STATES
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): January 25, 2006

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, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391
(Mailing Address) (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

On January 25, 2006, Ashland Inc. announced that its board of directors increased the amount of the remaining authorization under the share repurchase program by an additional \$176 million.

Originally authorized in July 2005 in the amount of \$270 million, the stock repurchase program is designed to purchase shares from time to time

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in the open market. Through December 31, 2005, \$196 million of Ashland shares had been repurchased under the original authorization at an average price of \$55.40 per share, with \$74 million authorization remaining. The increased authorization brings the total amount of the program to \$250 million.

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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.

(Registrant)

Date: January 25, 2006

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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

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