ASHLAND INC. Form 4 January 29, 2016

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WARD MICHAEL J

> (First) (Middle)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

CSX TRANSPORTATION, 500 WATER STREET, C-900

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ASHLAND INC. [ASH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

2005

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Estimated average

burden hours per

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

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

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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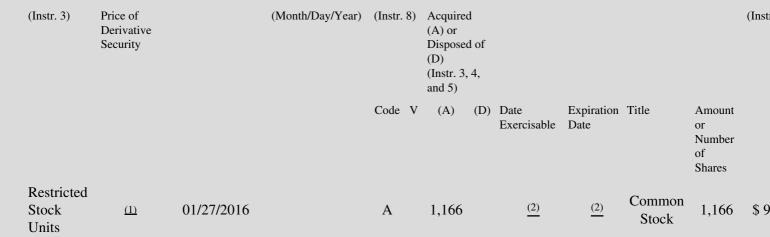
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WARD MICHAEL J CSX TRANSPORTATION 500 WATER STREET, C-900 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202	X			

Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu, Attorney-in-Fact

01/29/2016

**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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.
- Grant of deferred Restricted Stock Units pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, and exempt under Rule 16b-3. The Restricted Stock Units will vest one year after date of grant. (One (1) Restricted Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
- Balance includes 101 additional Restricted Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends on December 15, 2015 pursuant to Ashland's

 (3) Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3. One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock).

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