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ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
May 31, 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): May 31, 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  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

41011  
(Zip Code)

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

41012-0391  
(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 May 31, 2006, Ashland Inc. announced that it has completed its purchase of the water treatment business of Degussa AG, branded under the Stockhausen name, in North America, South America, western Europe and most of the rest of the world. In the areas where the purchase has not been

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completed, the parties have undertaken necessary steps to ensure that statutory requirements are met for the expected regulatory approvals. The entire transaction is valued at approximately 122 million euros.

The transaction is further described in the attached press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated May 31, 2006

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.

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(Registrant)

Date: May 31, 2006

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated May 31, 2006