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SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ESLER SUSAN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

06/13/2008

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

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

50 E. RIVERCENTER

BOULEVARD

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Vice President 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

Person

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

below)

COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391

(Street)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

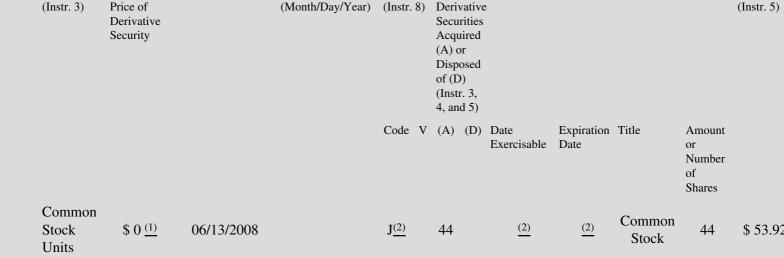
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	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	Transacti	orNumber	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

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Vice
President

Signatures

David B. Mattingly, Attorney-in-Fact 06/17/2008

**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).
- (2) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan as of 6-13-08, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
- (1) 1-for-1

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