

ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2008

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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): November 19, 2008

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 41011  
(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))
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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On November 19, 2008, the Board of Directors of Ashland Inc. (“Ashland”) elected J. William Heitman, age 54, Controller of Ashland, effective December 1, 2008. Mr. Heitman was named Vice President of Ashland as of November 10, 2008. Previously he served as controller for the North American operations of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and as vice president of finance and interim chief financial officer of Ferro Corporation. Mr. Heitman replaces Lamar M. Chambers, as Controller. Mr. Chambers continues to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Ashland.

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)

November 20, 2008

/s/ Lamar M. Chambers  
Lamar M. Chambers  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer