ASHLAND INC. Form 4

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

CSX TRANSPORTATION, 500 WATER STREET, C-900

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

(Street)

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

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

06/15/2015

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transactionof **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Code

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Deriva (Instr. 3 and 4) Securit

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D (Instr	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(Instr. 5
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	06/15/2015		J <u>(2)</u>	111		(3)	(2)	Common Stock	111	\$ 125
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	06/15/2015		J <u>(5)</u>	82		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	82	\$ 125

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Issa O. Yesufu,
Attorney-in-Fact 06/17/2015

**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) 1-for-1
- Common Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (2) (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.)
- (3) Subject to any deferral election on timing of distribution by the reporting person under the Plan, the Common Stock Units are payable in Common Stock upon the reporting person's separation from service as a director.
- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.
- Restricted Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") for

 (5) Non-Employee Directors and exempt from Rule 16b-3. (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.)
- (6) Subject to any deferral election on timing of distribution by the reporting person under the Plan, the reporting person may, prior to vesting, elect to receive the Restricted Stock Units in Common Stock or cash upon separation from service as a director.

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