

Schumann Anne T.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Schumann Anne T.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1313 N MARKET STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/10/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

WILMINGTON, DE 19894

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	09/10/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		3,000 A \$ 0	14,257	D
Common Stock	09/10/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		4,350 A \$ 0	18,607	D
Common Stock	09/10/2012		F ⁽²⁾		1,250 D \$ 75.03	17,357	D
Common Stock	09/10/2012		F ⁽²⁾		2,904 D \$ 75.03	14,453	D
Common Stock						1,239 ⁽³⁾	I 401(K)

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- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 9-7-12, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to the 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan which vests in three annual installments: 50% after the 1st year, the next 25% the 2nd year and the remaining 25% the 3rd year.

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