

ASHLAND INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**OBRIEN JAMES J /KY**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD**  
(Street)

**COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/28/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/29/2006**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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**

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	(D)	Price \$
Common Stock	03/28/2006		M		39,420	A	23.2 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock							887 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock							3,871 <sup>(3)</sup>
							44,760
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							I
							401(K)
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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/28/2006		M <sup>(4)</sup>	39,420	09/19/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 10/19/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	39,420

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBRIEN JAMES J /KY 50 E. RIVERCENTER BOULEVARD COVINGTON, KY 41012-0391			Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

David B. Mattingly,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/03/2006

         \*\*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).
- This line item is not new or revised but is being reported again solely to gain access to the system in order to amend the Form 4 filed on
- (2) 3/29/2006. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 3-28-2006, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (1) Due to an administrative error by the program administrator, the reporting person filed a Form 4 on 3/29/2006, reflecting the disposal of 39,420 Stock Options (Right to buy) from options granted in 2003 (exercisable on 9/18/2004, expiration date of 10/18/2013 and exercise price of \$28.04). However the Form 4 filed on 3/29/2006 should have reported the disposal of 39,420 Stock Options (Right to buy) from options granted in 2002 (exercisable on 9/19/2003, expiration date of 10/19/2012 and exercise price of \$23.20). The reporting person, therefore, retains 121,290 Stock Options under the 2003 grant and has no remaining Stock Options under the 2002 grant as a result of the exercise on 3/28/2006.
- (4) Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended Stock 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. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

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- (3) This line item is not new or revised but is being reported again solely to gain access to the system in order to amend the Form 4 filed on 3/29/2006. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 3-28-2006.

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