

Craycraft Robert M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Craycraft Robert M		(Month/Day/Year)	ASHLAND INC. [ASH]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
5200 BLAZER PARKWAY			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
DUBLIN, Â OH Â 43017			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Vice President	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Restricted Stock	7,500 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	490	I	401(K) ⁽²⁾

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock Units	Â ⁽⁴⁾	Â ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	393 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	09/16/2005	10/16/2014	Common Stock	356	\$ 38.47 ⁽⁵⁾	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	09/15/2006	10/15/2015	Common Stock	1,469	\$ 49.79 ⁽⁵⁾	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/14/2008	12/14/2017	Common Stock	2,400	\$ 53.33 ⁽⁶⁾	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	11/15/2007	12/15/2016	Common Stock	2,900	\$ 65.78 ⁽⁶⁾	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Craycraft Robert M 5200 BLAZER PARKWAY DUBLIN, OH 43017	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

David B. Mattingly,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/20/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

- (4) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan as of 11-13-08, 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.)
- (6) Stock Appreciation Right granted pursuant to Ashland's 2006 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.
- (3) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 11-13-08, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (1) Represents shares of Restricted Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's stock incentive plans as approved by the shareholders and exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (5) Stock Appreciation Right 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.

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