### **ASHLAND INC**

#### Form 4

### September 10, 2001

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Potts, Charles F.

Suite 700

900 Ashwood Parkway

Atlanta, Georgia 30338

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ashland Inc.

- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year

August 31, 2001

- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
  - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
  - ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivati	ve Securities Acquired, Dispose	ed of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1. Title of Security	2.  3.  4.Securities   Transaction   or Disposed               Date  Code V  Amount	l of (D)	5.Amount of   Securities   Beneficially   Owned at   End of Month	     
Common Stock	1 1 1	1 1	4,351 (1)	ı
		l I	2,603 (2)	
Common Stock	8-20-0 F (3   1,560  1  )	D  \$41.100 	   	   
Common Stock	8-20-0 M    2,102  1	A  \$30.50	   	   
Common Stock	8-20-0 F (4   190  1  )	D  \$41.100	2,054 	   

Table II Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Benef
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1. Title of Derivative |2.Con- |3. |4. |5. Number of De |6.Date Exer|7. Title and Amount |8.F

Security	or Exer  cise  Price of  Deriva-  tive  Secu-	 	           	rivative   rities Ac   red(A) or   posed of(         Amount	qui Dis D)   A/   D	Expira  Date(M	tion   onth/  ar)   Expir  ation  Date	Securities  Title and		of  vat  Sec  rit   
Option (5)		8-20-  01		102		9-19-   92		Common Stock	102 	
		8-20-  01	M   	1,000		9-19-   93		Common Stock	1,000 	   
		8-20-  01	M	1,000			 10-19  -01	Common Stock	1,000 	   
Option (5)	33.125		 	   		9-16-   94		Common Stock	5 <b>,</b> 000 	   
	33.125		 	•		9-16-   95		Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	   
	33.125 		 	   		9-16-   96		Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
Option (6)	35.875 					9-15-   95		Common Stock	5 <b>,</b> 000 	
	35.875 			   		9-15-   96		Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
	35.875 		 	   		9-15-   97		Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500 	 
Option (6)	33.875 		 			9-21-   96		Common Stock	5 <b>,</b> 000 	 
	33.875 		 				1 10-21   -05	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500 	
	33.875 		 	 			1 10-21   -05	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
Option (6)	39.00		 	   	   		 10-19  -06	Common Stock	5 <b>,</b> 000	   
	39.00		 	   	   		 10-19  -06	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
	39.00		 	   	   		 10-19  -06	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
Option (7)	53.375 			   	   		 10-18  -07	Common Stock	5 <b>,</b> 000 	
	53.375 		 	 	   		10-18   -07	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500 	
	53.375		l I	l		9-18-	10-18	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	1

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Option (7)	48.00					 	9-17-  99		Common	Stock	15,000	
	48.00					     	9-17-  00		Common	Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
	48.00					     	9-17-  01		Common	Stock	2,500 	
Option (7)	36.625 					     	9-16-  00		Common	Stock	15,000	
	36.625 					     	9-16-  01		Common	Stock	15,000	
	36.625 					     	9-16-  02		Common	Stock	15,000	
	36.625 					   		- 10-16  -09	Common	Stock	15,000	
Common Stock Units	(8)  1-for-1		J		97	   A			Common	Stock	.   97	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 8-31-01.
- 2. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 9-4-01, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available, and includes transactions occurring on or after 5-2-01.
- 3. Shares surrendered in payment of option exercise price.
- 4. Withholding of shares to satisfy tax withholding obliqation.
- 5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 6. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 7. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- 8. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 8-31-01 and includes transactions on or after 4-30-01, and exempt under Rule 16b-3 (d). The price
- of the Common Stock Units on applicable valuation dates has varied from \$38.700 \$43.850. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock)

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Charles F. Potts DATE September 10 , 2001