ASHLAND INC. Form SD May 31, 2016

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

FORM SD

Specialized Disclosure Report

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky 1-32532 20-0865835 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard P.O. Box 391 Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Peter J. Ganz (859-815-3333)

(Name and telephone number, including area code, of the person to contact in connection with this report.)

Check the appropriate box to indicate the rule pursuant to which this form is being filed, and provide the period to which the information in this form applies:

Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2015.

Section 1 – Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

Conflict Minerals Disclosure

This Form SD of Ashland Inc. (the "Company") is filed pursuant to Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for the reporting period from January 1 through December 31, 2015.

The brief description of the Company's reasonable country of origin inquiry ("RCOI") process, the results of its inquiry, and the determination it reached as a result of its RCOI process are included in the Company's Conflict Minerals Report attached as an exhibit to this Form SD.

A copy of the Company's Conflict Minerals Report is filed as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD, and is publicly available at http://investor.ashland.com/sec.cfm. The content of any website referred to in this Form SD is included for general information only and is not incorporated by reference in this Form SD.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

A copy of the Company's Conflict Minerals Report as required by Item 1.01 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto.

Section 2 – Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report.

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

1.01 Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form SD.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the duly authorized undersigned.

ASHLAND INC. (Registrant)

May 31, 2016 /s/ Peter J. Ganz

Peter J. Ganz Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form SD.