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ASHLAND INC Form 8-K July 26, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2004

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918 61-0122250 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Mailing Address) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 26, 2004

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 26, 2004, Ashland Inc. reported its third quarter fiscal 2004

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results, which are discussed in more detail in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is furnished in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216.

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 undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.
-----(Registrant)

Date: July 26, 2004 /s/ J. Marvin Quin

Name: J. Marvin Quin

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated July 26, 2004