

ASHLAND INC.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
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 <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Solomon Walter H		(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)
3499 BLAZER PARKWAY			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
LEXINGTON,Â KYÂ 40509			<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)
Common Stock	500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Restricted Stock	7,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	2,621	I	401(K) <sup>(3)</sup>

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Appreciation Right	09/16/2005	10/16/2014	Common Stock	3,032	\$ 45.19 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	09/15/2006	10/15/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 58.5 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	09/19/2003	10/19/2012	Common Stock	1,365	\$ 23.2 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	09/18/2004	10/18/2013	Common Stock	910	\$ 28.04 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Solomon Walter H 3499 BLAZER PARKWAY LEXINGTON, KY 40509	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

David B. Mattingly,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/19/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) These 500 shares are held in the name of Terri L. Solomon, the reporting person's spouse, in an account in which the reporting person has joint tenancy, with right of survivorship.
  - (2) 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.  
Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended Stock Incentive Plan
  - (5) 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.
  - (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 10-9-06, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
  - (4) 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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