### ASHLAND INC Form 4

May 09, 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.

Tower Place - Suite 600

Tower Place - Suite 600 3340 Peachtree Road Atlanta, Georgia 30326

- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year April 30, 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-Derivative	Securities Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1. Title of Security	2.  3.  4.Securities Acc   Transaction   or Disposed or 	f (D)	5.Amount of   Securities   Beneficially   Owned at   End of Month	
Common Stock	1 1 1	1 1	4,351 (1)	
Common Stock	1 1 1	1 1	2,587 (2)	
Common Stock	4-30-0 F (3   1,345	D  \$43.06	 	
Common Stock	4-30-0 M    1,898  1	A  \$30.50 	   	
Common Stock	4-30-0 F (4   196  1  )	D  \$43.06 	1,702 	

Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	version  Transaction  or Exer      cise      Price of     Deriva-			n	rivative S   rities Acq   red(A) or :   posed of(D	Expiration  Date(Month/  Day/Year)  Date  Expir		of Underly   Securities   	8.P  of  vat  Sec  rit		
	tive  Secu-  rity	    Date	  Code	  V		l D	Exer-  cisa-  ble				   
Option (5)		4-30-		   			9-19-  92		Common Stock	1,898   	
	30.50	   		   	   		9-19-  93		Common Stock	1,000	
	30.50	   		   	•			10-19  -01	Common Stock	1,000	
Option (5)	33.125	   		   	   		9-16-  94		Common Stock	5,000	
	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	2,500 	   
	35.875	   	   	   	   		9-15-  97		Common Stock	2,500	   
Option (6)	33.875	   	   	   	   		9-21-  96		Common Stock	5,000 	   
	33.875	   	   	   	   			10-21  -05	Common Stock	2,500 	   
	33.875	   		   	   		9-21-  98		Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	   
Option (6)	39.00	   		   	   		9-19-  97		Common Stock	5,000	   
	39.00	   		   	   			10-19  -06	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	   
	39.00	   		   	   			10-19  -06	Common Stock	2,500 	   
Option (7)	53.375 	   	   	   	   		9-18-  98		Common Stock	5,000	   
	53.375 			   	   			10-18  -07	Common Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	

	53.375 				 				10-18  -07	Common	Stock	2 <b>,</b> 500	
Option (7)	48.00					   			10-17   -08	Common	Stock	5,000 	   
	48.00								10-17   -08	Common	Stock	2,500 	
	48.00							9-17-  01		Common	Stock	2,500	
Option (7)	36.625 								10-16  -09	Common	Stock	15,000	
	36.625 					     			10-16   -09	Common	Stock	15,000	
	36.625 								10-16  -09	Common	Stock	15,000	
	36.625 								10-16  -09	Common	Stock	15,000	
Common Stock Units (	.8) 1-for-1		J		127		Α	1		Common	Stock	127	
		1						1		1			1

#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 4-30-01.
- 2. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 5-2-01, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available, and includes transactions occurring on or after 12-1-00.
- 3. Shares surrendered in payment of option exercise price.
- 4. Withholding of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligation.
- 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 4-30-01 and includes transactions on or after 11-30-00, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). The

price of the Common Stock Units on applicable valuation dates has varied from \$32.420 - \$42.510. (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 May 7, 2001