

ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
October 30, 2012

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

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FORM 8-K  
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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 30, 2012

ASHLAND INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-32532  
(Commission File Number)

20-0865835  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard  
P.O. Box 391  
Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391

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

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 30, 2012, Ashland Inc. (“Ashland”) announced preliminary fourth quarter results, which are discussed in more detail in the news release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.

In connection with Ashland’s fourth quarter fiscal 2012 earnings webcast on October 30, 2012, a copy of the supporting materials for this webcast is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference. The supporting materials provide summary information and are to be considered in the context of Ashland’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and other public announcements. The supporting materials include, among other things, an update on the Specialty Ingredients commercial unit’s guar business.

The information in this report, being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and is not incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 News Release dated October 30, 2012.
- 99.2 Webcast slides dated October 30, 2012.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.  
(Registrant)

October 30, 2012

/s/ Lamar M. Chambers  
Lamar M. Chambers  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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