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 October 22, 2002

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  
 Thomas, Richard P.  
  
 50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard  
 Covington, KY 41012-0391
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Ashland Inc.  
 ASH
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
 October 18, 2002
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)  
 Vice President:Secretary
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 Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date | 3. Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------|--|--|
| Common Stock         |                     |         |  | 15,199 (1)   |
| Common Stock         |                     |         |  | 13,317 (2)   |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date | 4. Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Put or Call |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|---|--|--|----------------|
|                                 |  |                     |         |   |  | Title and Number of Shares                   |                |

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|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  |       |       |              |        |      |
|------------------------|---------|---------|--|----|---|--|-------|-------|--------------|--------|------|
| Option (3)             | 39.00   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 2,000  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 97    | -06   |              |        |      |
|                        | 39.00   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 1,000  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 98    | -06   |              |        |      |
|                        | 39.00   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 1,000  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 99    | -06   |              |        |      |
| Option (4)             | 53.375  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-18- | 10-18 | Common Stock | 2,500  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 98    | -07   |              |        |      |
|                        | 53.375  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-18- | 10-18 | Common Stock | 1,250  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 99    | -07   |              |        |      |
|                        | 53.375  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-18- | 10-18 | Common Stock | 1,250  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 00    | -07   |              |        |      |
| Option (4)             | 48.00   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-17- | 10-17 | Common Stock | 4,000  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 99    | -08   |              |        |      |
|                        | 48.00   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-17- | 10-17 | Common Stock | 2,000  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 00    | -08   |              |        |      |
|                        | 48.00   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-17- | 10-17 | Common Stock | 2,000  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 01    | -08   |              |        |      |
| Option (4)             | 36.625  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 00    | -09   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.625  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 01    | -09   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.625  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 02    | -09   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.625  |         |  |    |   |  | 9-16- | 10-16 | Common Stock | 10,000 |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 03    | -09   |              |        |      |
| Option (5)             | 36.38   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-20- | 10-20 | Common Stock | 7,500  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 02    | -11   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.38   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-20- | 10-20 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 03    | -11   |              |        |      |
|                        | 36.38   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-20- | 10-20 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 04    | -11   |              |        |      |
| Option (5)             | 28.13   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 7,500  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 03    | -12   |              |        |      |
|                        | 28.13   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 04    | -12   |              |        |      |
|                        | 28.13   |         |  |    |   |  | 9-19- | 10-19 | Common Stock | 3,750  |      |
|                        |         |         |  |    |   |  | 05    | -12   |              |        |      |
| Common Stock Units (6) | 1-for-1 | 10-18 J |  | 12 | A |  |       |       | Common Stock | 12     | \$26 |
|                        |         | -02     |  |    |   |  |       |       |              |        |      |

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### Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares accrued under Ashland's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 9-30-02.
2. Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 9-30-02, based on the most recent information available.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
6. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's 1995 Deferred Compensation Plan as of 10-18-02, and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d). (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

Richard P. Thomas

DATE

October 22, 2002