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COVINGTON, Ky. - Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) today announced that it will conduct a live webcast with investors on Tuesday, Apr. 24, 2012, at 9 a.m. EDT to discuss preliminary financial results for the second quarter of fiscal 2012. The company's results will be issued earlier in the day.

In attendance at the presentation will be: James J. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer; Lamar M. Chambers, senior vice president and chief financial officer; Sam Mitchell, president, Ashland Consumer Markets; and David A. Neuberger, director, Investor Relations.

The webcast, which will last approximately 60 minutes, will be accessible through the Investor Relations section of Ashland's website at <http://investor.ashland.com>, along with supporting materials. Following the live event, an archived version of the webcast and supporting materials will be available on the Ashland website for 12 months.

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