

# News Release



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## **Ashland announces sales control for 1-4 Butanediol and N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone in North America**

DUBLIN, Ohio – Ashland Performance Materials, a business unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), is announcing a 100-percent sales control for 1-4 Butanediol (BDO) and N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone (M-Pyrol) in North America, effective September 15, 2016. This action is being taken to manage inventory of the above products to assure continued forecasted supply to our North American customers.

Ashland expects this sales control to remain in place through the middle of November, when inventories should be sufficiently recovered from an unscheduled August outage and a planned maintenance shutdown at the BDO plant in Lima, Ohio.

### **About Ashland Inc.**

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a global leader in providing specialty chemical solutions to customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including adhesives, architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care and pharmaceutical. Through our three business units – Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Ashland Performance Materials and Valvoline – we use good chemistry to make great things happen for customers in more than 100 countries. Visit [ashland.com](http://ashland.com) to learn more.

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