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Ashland Inc. to participate in Jefferies 2012 Global Industrial and Aerospace & Defense Conference in New York August 8

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COVINGTON, Ky. - Ashland Inc. today announced it will participate in the Jefferies 2012 Global Industrial and Aerospace & Defense Conference August 8 in New York City. James J. O'Brien, Ashland chairman and chief executive officer, will discuss the company's growth strategy and financial performance, and answer questions from investors.

The event will be broadcast live over the internet beginning at approximately 8 a.m. EDT. This webcast can be accessed through the Ashland website at <http://investor.ashland.com>. A webcast replay will be available within 24 hours of the live presentation and will be available on Ashland's website for 90 days. Supporting materials will be available for 12 months.

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