## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   | obligations may continue. See          |
|   | Instruction 1(b).                      |

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|   | transaction was made pursuant to a        |
|   | contract, instruction or written plan for |
|   | the purchase or sale of equity            |
|   | securities of the issuer that is          |
|   | intended to satisfy the affirmative       |
|   | defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c).     |
|   | Can Instruction 10                        |

| Common   |   |  |   |                      | A <sup>(2)</sup> |   | 402     |               | (3)   |  | (3)       | Common   | 402                               |                                  | \$71.46   | 14,991 <sup>(</sup>   |          | D  |  |
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|  |   |  |   |                      | Code             | v   | (A)     | (D)           | Date<br>Exercisable   |  | opiration | Title  | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er                               |   |   |          |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date,              |                  | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                                 |         | n of          |   | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |           | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | D<br>S<br>(I                     | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)               | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Securities<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | у        | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   | Т  | able II -                                   |                      |                  |   |         |               | uired, Di<br>s, option  |  |           | , or Ben   |                                   |                                  | <u> </u>  | and 4)  |          |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D |   |  |   |                      |                  | ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,                            |         |               | quired, Disposed of, or Ber  3. Transaction Code (Instr. t) 8)  4. Securities Acquire Disposed Of (D) (Ins 5) |  |           | red (A)  | or                                | 5. Amou<br>Securitie<br>Benefici | . Amount of ecurities eneficially owned Following |   | : Direct | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |
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| (Street) WILMIN  | NGTON D   | E  | 19808                                       |                      |                  |   |         |               |   |  |           |  |                                   | Line)                            |   | iled by Mor   |          | orting Person  |  |
| 8145 BL  | AZER DR   | IVE<br>                                    |   |                      | . 4. If          | f Ame   | ndment  | t, Date       | of Original   | Filed  | (Month/D  | ay/Year)   |                                   | 6. Indi                          | ividual or  | Joint/Group   | Filing   | g (Check Ap  | plicable   |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                  |   |  |   |                      |                  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2024 |         |               |   |  |           |  |                                   |                                  | Officer<br>below)                                 | (give title   |          | Other (s<br>below)   | pecify   |
|  | JANICE  | r reporting r croon                        |   | ASHLAND INC. [ ASH ] |                  |   |         |               |   |  |           |  | k all appli<br>Directo            | ,                                |   | 10% Ov  | vner     |  |  |
| 1 Name a   | nd Address o  | f Reporting Person*                        |   |                      | 2. 1             | ssuer   | Name a  | and Tid       | ker or Trad   | ing S  | ymbol     |  |                                   | 5. Rel                           | ationship   | of Reportin   | g Pers   | son(s) to Iss  | uer  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1 for 1
- 2. Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan") and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Plan is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)
- 3. Subject to any deferral election on timing of distribution by the reporting person under the Plan, the Common Stock Units are payable in Common Stock upon the reporting person's separation from service as a director
- 4. Balance includes additional Common Stock Units acquired in lieu of cash dividends.

/s/ Serena S. Kenost, Attorney-01/02/2025 in-fact for Janice Teal

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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