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Ashland Inc. CFO Chambers to speak March 25 at Barclays Capital credit conference

COVINGTON, Ky. – Lamar M. Chambers, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), will make a presentation at the Barclays Capital High Yield Bond and Syndicated Loan Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. MST (10:30 a.m. EDT). In his remarks, Chambers will review Ashland's businesses, strategies and debt structure.

An audio webcast will be presented live and can be accessed, along with supporting materials, through the Ashland website at www.ashland.com. A replay will be available within 24 hours of the live presentation and will be archived, along with supporting materials, on Ashland's website for three months. Copies of the presentation may also be requested by sending an e-mail to investor_relations@ashland.com or by calling 859-815-4454.

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) provides specialty chemical products, services and solutions for many of the world's most essential industries. Serving customers in more than 100 countries, it operates through five commercial units: Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies, Ashland Performance Materials, Ashland Consumer Markets (Valvoline) and Ashland Distribution. To learn more about Ashland, visit www.ashland.com.