FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Chattopadhyay Sanat</u>		2. Date of E Requiring S (Month/Day 11/13/202	Statement //Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASHLAND INC. [ ASH ]				
(Last) (Firs 8145 BLAZER I (Street) WILMNGTON (City) (Sta	DRIVE DE 19808	_		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		Owner 6. (C)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)      6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. I)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
		2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of S Underlying Derivative So (Instr. 4)		4. Conversior or Exercise Price of	ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	5)

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Serena S. Kenost,

Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

11/14/2023

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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