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## **Ashland Inc. Q2 earnings webcast set for 9 a.m. EDT, April 26**

COVINGTON, Ky. – Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) today announced that on Tuesday, April 26, at 9 a.m. EDT, it will conduct a live webcast of its second-quarter earnings presentation to the investment community. The presentation will cover results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the second quarter of Ashland's 2011 fiscal year. The company's results will be issued earlier in the day.

Anticipated to be in attendance at the presentation are: James J. O'Brien, chairman and chief executive officer; Lamar M. Chambers, senior vice president and chief financial officer; Paul C. Raymond, president, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies; and David A. Neuberger, director, investor relations.

The webcast, which will last approximately 60 minutes, will be accessible through Ashland's Investor Relations website, <http://investor.ashland.com>, along with supporting materials. Following the live event, an archived version of the webcast and supporting materials will be available on the Ashland website for 12 months. Minimum requirements to listen to the webcast include the free Windows MediaPlayer software and a 28.8 Kbps connection to the Internet.

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