

HAUSRATH DAVID L  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HAUSRATH DAVID L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P O BOX 391

(Street)

ASHLAND, KY 41101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/17/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/17/2005		M		3,503 A \$ 30.2	8,851	D
Common Stock	08/17/2005		S		3,503 D \$ 60.95	5,348	D
Common Stock	08/18/2005		M		4,851 A \$ 44.01	10,199	D
Common Stock	08/18/2005		M		8,049 A \$ 30.2	18,248	D
Common Stock	08/18/2005		S		12,900 D \$ 60.148	5,348	D

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Common Stock	1,671 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401(K)
Common Stock	3,988 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	LESOP

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30.2 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/17/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,503 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/16/2000 10/16/2009	Common Stock	3,503
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30.2 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,049 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/16/2000 10/16/2009	Common Stock	8,049
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 44.01 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	4,851 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/18/1998 10/18/2007	Common Stock	4,851

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HAUSRATH DAVID L P O BOX 391 ASHLAND, KY 41101			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Jami K. Suver,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/19/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Employee stock option (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) granted pursuant to Ashland's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The employee stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.
- (2) Reflects the automatic adjustment to both the number of stock options and the exercise price of the options to preserve the intrinsic value of the options pursuant to the terms of Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan.
- (3) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 8-17-05, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.
- (4) Shares accrued under Ashland's Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of 8-17-05.

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