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(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting Per Solomon Walter H	son [*] 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Mic	ASHLAND INC. [ASH] dle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specibelow) Vice President			
3499 BLAZER PARKWAY	(Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2010				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
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(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	• •	any	Code	Disposed	of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned Following Reported	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/27/2010		A <u>(1)</u>	407	A	\$0	6,191	D	
Common Stock							5,456 <u>(2)</u>	I	401(k)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Solomon Walter H

3499 BLAZER PARKWAY Vice President

LEXINGTON, KY 40509

Signatures

/s/David B. Mattingly, 01/29/2010 Attorney-in-Fact

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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) Ashland Common Stock acquired pursuant to Ashland's 2006 Ashland Inc. Incentive Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Based on Employee Savings Plan information as of 1-27-10, the latest date for which such information is reasonably available.

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