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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A AMENDMENT NO. 1

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 18, 2004

ASHLAND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2918 61-0122250 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391 (Mailing Address) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 18, 2004 and filed March 22, 2004 of Ashland Inc. ("Ashland") is being filed to reclassify Exhibits 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 as Exhibits 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5, respectively. In accordance with Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the text of the amended item is set forth

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in its entirety in the pages attached hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

None.

- (c) Exhibits*
- Master Agreement dated as of March 18, 2004, among Ashland Inc., 2.1 ATB Holdings Inc., EXM LLC, New EXM Inc., Marathon Oil Corporation, Marathon Oil Company, Marathon Domestic LLC and Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC (the "Master Agreement").
- 2.2 Tax Matters Agreement dated as of March 18, 2004, among Ashland Inc., ATB Holdings Inc., EXM LLC, New EXM Inc., Marathon Oil Corporation, Marathon Oil Company, Marathon Domestic LLC and Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC.
- Assignment and Assumption Agreement (VIOC Centers) dated as of 2.3 March 18, 2004, between Ashland Inc. and ATB Holdings Inc.
- 2.4 Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Maleic Business) dated as of March 18, 2004, between Ashland Inc. and ATB Holdings Inc.
- Amendment No. 2 dated as of March 18, 2004 to the Amended and 2.5 Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement dated as of December 31, 1998 of Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, by and between Ashland Inc. and Marathon Oil Company.

*Ashland agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

> ASHLAND INC. (Registrant)

Date: November 5, 2004 /s/ J. Marvin Quin ______

Name: J. Marvin Quin Title: Senior Vice President

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and Chief Financial Officer

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