

ASHLAND INC.
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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 *
HEALY BERNADINE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**THE CLEVELAND CLINIC
FOUNDATION, 1950 RICHMOND
ROAD**

(Street)

LYNDHURST, OH 44124

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction Number	5.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)			
			of Derivative Securities	Code V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	12/14/2007	J(2)	52	⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Common Stock	52	\$ 47.9
Restricted Stock Units	⁽³⁾	12/14/2007	J(4)	8	⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	8	\$ 47.9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEALY BERNADINE THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION 1950 RICHMOND ROAD LYNDHURST, OH 44124	X			

Signatures

David B. Mattingly,
Attorney-in-Fact 12/17/2007

 **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).

(3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.

(1) 1-for-1

(4) Restricted Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-14-07, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt from Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Restricted Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

(2) Common Stock Units acquired pursuant to Ashland's Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as of 12-14-07, payable in cash or stock upon termination of service and exempt under Rule 16b-3. (One (1) Common Stock Unit in the Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors is the equivalent of one (1) share of Ashland Common Stock.)

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