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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 14, 2015**

**ASHLAND INC.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Kentucky  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-32532  
(Commission File Number)

20-0865835  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**50 E. RiverCenter Boulevard  
P.O. Box 391  
Covington, Kentucky 41012-0391  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (859) 815-3333**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Ashland Inc. (the “Company”) announced today that its Board of Directors raised the quarterly cash dividend to 39 cents per share, a nearly 15 percent increase from the previous quarterly dividend and equivalent to an annual dividend of \$1.56 per share. The dividend is payable June 15, 2015, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 29, 2015.

The text of the Company’s news release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibits</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News Release dated May 14, 2015

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

ASHLAND INC.

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(Registrant)

May 14, 2015

/s/ J. Kevin Willis

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J. Kevin Willis  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

## **EXHIBITS INDEX**

### **Exhibits Description**

99.1 News Release dated May 14, 2015.

## News Release



May 14, 2015

### **Ashland Inc. board raises quarterly dividend by nearly 15 percent**

COVINGTON, Ky. – The board of directors of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) has approved a nearly 15 percent increase in the company's quarterly cash dividend. Ashland's board raised the quarterly dividend on the company's common stock from 34 cents per share to 39 cents per share, equivalent to an annual dividend of \$1.56 per share. The quarterly dividend is payable June 15, 2015, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 29, 2015. As of March 31, there were 67,576,297 shares of Ashland common stock outstanding.

"This increase reflects the board's confidence in the company's ability to continue executing at a high level while maintaining its commitment to return cash to shareholders," said William A. Wulfsohn, Ashland chairman and chief executive officer.

#### **About Ashland**

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a global leader in providing specialty chemical solutions to customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including architectural coatings, automotive, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care and pharmaceutical. Through our three commercial units – Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Ashland Performance Materials and Valvoline – we use good chemistry to make great things happen for customers in more than 100 countries. Visit [ashland.com](http://ashland.com) to learn more.

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