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ASHLAND INC.  
Form 8-K  
October 30, 2006

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): October 27, 2006

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, Covington, Kentucky  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

41011  
(Zip Code)

P.O. Box 391, Covington, Kentucky  
(Mailing Address)

41012-0391  
(Zip Code)

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))

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Item 8.01. Other Events

Today, Ashland Inc. announced that on October 27, it signed a definitive agreement to purchase the assets of Northwest Coatings of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, a formulator and manufacturer of adhesives and coatings employing ultra-violet and electron beam (UV/EB) polymerization technologies. Northwest Coatings is a holding of Caltius Equity partners. The transaction, which includes production facilities in Milwaukee,

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Wisconsin and Greensboro, North Carolina, is valued at approximately \$72 million. The closing, which is anticipated to take place before the end of 2006, is dependent upon a number of standard closing conditions, including regulatory review.

The proposed transaction is further described in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated by reference herein.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated October 30, 2006

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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.

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(Registrant)

Date: October 30, 2006

/s/ J. Marvin Quin

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Name: J. Marvin Quin  
Title: Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated October 30, 2006

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