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(Print or Type]	Responses)										
Catalano Anna C Sy			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N		HERCULES INC [HPC] (Chec 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					x all applicable)			
· · ·	ARKET ST, HER	(Month/D 1/13/20	ay/Year)	unsuetion			X Director Officer (give t below)	title $\frac{10\%}{\text{below}}$ Other	Owner r (specify	
				mendment, Date Original /onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WILMING	TON, DE 19894							Form filed by M Person	ore than One Rej	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ransaction Date 2A. Deemed nth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	l of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	11/13/2008			D	2,250	D	<u>(1)</u>	15,565	D		
Common Stock (RSUs)	11/13/2008			D	15,565	D	\$ 20.55	0	D		

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 10.82	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/07/2006	11/07/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 17.81	11/13/2008		D		3,000	10/26/2007	10/26/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 19.45	11/13/2008		D		3,000	10/29/2008	10/29/2017	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Catalano Anna C 1313 N. MARKET ST HERCULES PLAZA WILMINGTON, DE 19894	Х				
Signaturas					

Signatures

/s/ Israel J. Floyd, Acting as Attorney in Fact for Anna C. Catalano

**Signature of Reporting Person

11/17/2008

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).

Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 10, 2008, among Ashland Inc. ("Ashland"), Ashland Sub One, Inc. and Hercules Incorporated ("Hercules") in exchange for \$18.60 in cash per share of Hercules common stock, 0.0930 of a share

- (1) of Ashland common stock, having a market value of \$1.6647 per share on the effective date of the merger, per share of Hercules common stock and cash in lieu of fractional shares of Ashland common stock.
- (2) This option was assumed by Ashland in the merger and replaced with an option to purchase 2,946 shares of Ashland common stock for \$11.02 per share.
- (3) This option was assumed by Ashland in the merger and replaced with an option to purchase 2,946 shares of Ashland common stock for \$18.14 per share.

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(4) This option was assumed by Ashland in the merger and replaced with an option to purchase 2,946 shares of Ashland common stock for \$19.81 per share.

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