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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Lewis, Donald C.
10 Longs Peak Dr.
Broomfield, CO 80021-2510

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Ball Corporation (BLL)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
3/12/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) [] Director [] 10% Owner [X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below) VP, ASST CORP SECY & GENERAL COUNSEL

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Acquired (A) or Price	6) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial or Ownership I
Common Stock	03/12/03	M	2,000	A \$16.0000	55,430	D Direct
Common Stock					813	I 401(k) plan

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
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	Security		Code	V	A	D	Exercisable	Expiration
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.0000	03/12/03	M			2,000	(1)	04/27/03

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
-		Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/12/03	Common Stock	2,000	0	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.
- 401(k) Plan shares include shares acquired through periodic dividend reinvestment and employer matching contributions.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON/S/
By: Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.

For: Donald C. Lewis

DATE 03/12/03