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Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

03/17/03

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)  
Sissel, George A.  
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  
3/17/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
BOARD DIRECTOR
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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	A or D Price	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	03/17/03	M	20,000	A \$17.9688		D	Direct
Common Stock	03/17/03	S	20,000	D \$53.2800		D	Direct
Common Stock	03/17/03	J (1)	65	A \$53.6700	128,947	D	Direct
Common Stock					19,600	I	by Spouse

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 Security	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	
			Code V A	D	Exercisable	Expiration
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.9688	03/17/03	M	20,000	(2)	04/21/08

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) Trans-action 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) Nature of Indirect or Ownership	11) Nature of Beneficial Ownership
		Title	Amount or Number of Shares		D I	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/17/03	Common Stock	20,000	40,000	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
- (2) Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.

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

For: George A. Sissel

DATE 03/17/03