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Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

03/31/03

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)  
Midgett, Leon 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  
3/31/2003
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)  
EXEC. V.P., & COO PACKAGING
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	5) Amount of Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Price	6) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	7) Nature of Indirect or Ownership I
Common Stock	03/31/03	M	5,000	A \$22.1250		D Direct
Common Stock	03/31/03	M	15,000	A \$21.2250		D Direct
Common Stock	03/31/03	S	20,000	D \$55.6500	69,377	D Direct
Common Stock					867	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 Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V A	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) D	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable Expiration
Employee Stock Option (right to \$21.2250 buy)		03/31/03	M	15,000	(1) 03/06/11
Employee Stock Option (right to \$22.1250 buy)		03/31/03	M	5,000	(1) 09/22/09

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	7) Title and Amount of Underlying	8) Price of Deri-	9) Number of Derivative	10) 11) Nature of Indirect
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Date	Securities Title	Amount or Number of Shares	vative Security	Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	D or I	Beneficial Ownership
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03/31/03	Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	15,000		30,000	D	Direct
03/31/03	Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	5,000		5,000	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.  
- Total number of Common Shares directly owned includes shares acquired through participation in the Ball Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Total number of 401(k) Plan shares includes shares acquired through periodic dividend reinvestment and employer matching contributions.

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

For: Leon A. Midgett

DATE 03/31/03