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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.

- 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 4/14/2003
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

   Director []10% Owner [X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below) EXEC. V.P., & COO. PACKAGING
- 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		action Date		*	(D) A	Beneficially Owned at End of Month	D	7)Nature of Indirect Beneficial
				Amount	or D Price		I	Ownership
Common Stock Common Stock		04/11/03	F	463	D \$57.2100	68,914 867		Direct 401(k) plan
Table II (PART 1) Derivat	ive Securities	Acquired, Dispos	ed of, or	Beneficially (	wned (Columns	1 through 6)		
1)Title of Derivative Security	2)Convers or Exerci Price of Derivativ	se action Date	4)Tra actic Code	on Securitie	of Derivative s Acquired (A) ed of (D)	6)Dat Expir		ercisable and n Date
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Table II (PART 2) Derivat 	ive Securities	Acquired, Dispos	ed of, or		Wwned (Columns 8)Price of Deri- vative Security	1,3 and 7 throu 9)Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	ugh 1  10) D	1) 11)Nature of Indirect Beneficial

## Explanation of Responses:

- 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 04/14/03