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Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

04/22/03

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)
Hoover, R. David
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
4/22/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
[X] Director [] 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO
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) A or D Price	5)Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) 7)Nature of Indirect D Beneficial or Ownership I
Common Stock	04/22/03	A	20,000	A	174,475
Common Stock					1,057
Common Stock					134,473
					D Direct
					I 401(k) plan
					I by trust

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	5)Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D	6)Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable Expiration
Employee Stock Option (right to \$56.3100 buy)		04/22/03	A	30,000	(1) 04/22/13

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 Amount or	8)Price of Deri- vative Security	9)Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10) 11)Nature of Indirect D Beneficial or Ownership
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-	Title	Number of Shares	Owned at End of Month	I	

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	04/22/03 Common Stock	30,000	30,000	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: R. David Hoover

DATE 04/22/03