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Director

Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

04/23/03

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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)
Solso, Theodore M.
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
4/23/2003
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	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 Beneficial Ownership I
Common Stock	04/23/03	A	223	A	15,223	D Direct

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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$56.3100	04/22/03	A	4,000	(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 Title	8) Price of Deri- vative Security Amount or Number of Shares	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership D I
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Stock Option (right to buy) 04/22/03 Common Stock 4,000 4,000 D Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.

For: Theodore M. Solso

DATE 04/23/03