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NYSE
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Director
Ball Corporation
0000009389
IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610
04/23/03
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.
    Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
    Lehman, John F.
    10 Longs Peak Dr.
    Broomfield, CO 80021-2510
    Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
    Ball Corporation (BLL)
    I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
    Statement for Month/Day/Year
    4/23/2003
    If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
    Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
    [X] Director [ ] 10% Owner
    [ ] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)
    BOARD DIRECTOR
    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
                                                     2)Trans- 3.Trans- 4.Securities Acquired(A) 5)Amount of 6) 7)Nature of action action or Disposed of (D) Securities Indirect
Date Code A Beneficially D Beneficial
(Month/ or Owned at or Ownership
Day/Year) Code V Amount D Price End of Month I
1) Title of Security
                                                     04/23/03 A
                                                                           223
                                                                                                                 35,030
                                                                                                                                D Direct
Common Stock
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Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)
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                                   2)Conversion 3)Trans- 4)Trans- 5)Number of Derivative 6)Date Exercisal or Exercise action action Securities Acquired (A) Expiration Date Price of Date Code or Disposed of (D)
                                   2)Converse action
or Exercise action
Date
1) Title of Derivative
                                                                                                                           6)Date Exercisable and
Security
                                    Derivative
                                   Security
                                                                      Code V A
                                                                                                                          Exercisable Expiration
Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)
1) Title of Derivative 3) Trans- 7) Title and Amount
                                                                                                    8) Price 9) Number of 10) 11) Nature of
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Security
                                   action of Underlying
                                               Securities
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                                               Title
                                                                                   Shares
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Explanation of Responses:

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

For: John F. Lehman

DATE 04/23/03