

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FRIEDERY JOHN R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>BALL CORPORATION</u> <u>10 LONGS PEAK DR.</u> (Street) <u>BROOMFIELD CO</u> <u>80021-2510</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/17/2003</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BALL CORP [BLL]</u> | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operating Officer,</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 76,212 | D | |
| Common Stock | 135 | I | 401(k) plan |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/25/2001 | 04/25/2010 | Common Stock | 9,000 | 16.5313 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/21/1999 | 04/21/2008 | Common Stock | 1,000 | 17.9688 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/06/2002 | 03/06/2011 | Common Stock | 28,000 | 21.225 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/27/2000 | 04/27/2009 | Common Stock | 2,000 | 27.5625 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/23/2003 | 04/23/2012 | Common Stock | 18,000 | 47.49 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/22/2004 | 04/22/2013 | Common Stock | 8,000 | 56.31 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

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.

By: Donald C. Lewis For:
VP, Asst Corp Sec & Gen Counsel

11/26/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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