

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WESTERLUND DAVID A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>BALL CORPORATION</u> <u>10 LONGS PEAK DR.</u> (Street) <u>BROOMFIELD CO 80021-2510</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BALL CORP [BLL]</u>	5. 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>SR VP, ADMIN & CORP SECRETARY</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/12/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Prepaid Variable Forward Contract	(I)	08/12/2004		J ⁽¹⁾		20,576 ⁽¹⁾		08/10/2007 ⁽¹⁾	08/10/2007	Common Stock	20,576	(I)	20,576	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On 8-12-04, Ann B. Westerlund (Seller), an affiliate of David A. Westerlund, entered into a prepaid variable forward contract (Contract) with a broker/dealer (Buyer) for disposition of 20,576 shares of Ball Corp Common Stock (Ball Shares). Contract obligates Seller to deliver to Buyer on 8-10-07 (Settlement Date) a number of Ball Shares equal to \$1,486,821.76 (20,576 Ball Shares @\$72.26). In exchange Seller initially receives 86.34% of \$1,486,821.76 (\$62.39/share Purchase Price). Per Contract on Settlement Date, Seller receives up to 120% of \$72.26/share price (\$86.72/share Ceiling Price) if Ball Shares appreciate above \$72.26/share (Floor Price). Ball Shares to be sold by Seller under Contract will be 20,576 base amount & will depend on whether the Ceiling Price is above Floor Price. Buyer received Ball Shares but they will not be sold until 8-10-07. At Seller's option she may deliver cash equivalent to value of required number of Ball Shares to be delivered on Settlement Date.

Remarks:

Total number of Common Shares directly owned includes shares acquired through the Ball Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan. 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: Charles E. Baker
 GenCounsel&AsstCorpSec For: 08/13/2004
David A. Westerlund

** 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 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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