FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address NICHOLSON			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BALL CORP [ BLL ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
NICHOLSON	JAIN .			X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) 419 E 50TH ST	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2004		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10022	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Cher Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One	Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			•				

## 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(IIISU: 4)
Non-Derivative Securities Acquired	09/15/2004		U		2	A	\$35.9	145,324	D	

## 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)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative		Expiration Date		Securities Underlying			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	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 4)			

Explanation of Responses:

Jan Nicholson

09/17/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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