FORM 4

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* WESTERLUND DAVID A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BALL CORP [BLL]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director
BALL CORPORAT		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2004	SR VP, ADMIN & CORP SECRETARY
(Street) BROOMFIELD (City)	CO (State)	80021-2510 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Transaction 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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/01/2004		М		15,000	Α	\$8.9844	203,044	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2004		S		15,000	D	\$40.65	188,044	D	
Common Stock								4,762	I	401(k) plan
Common Stock								50,000	I	by Spouse ⁽¹⁾

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. Transac Code (li 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.9844	11/01/2004		М			15,000	(2)	04/21/2008	Common Stock	15,000	\$40.65	3,496	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
- 2. Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.

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.

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GenCounsel&AsstCorpSec For: 11/02/2004

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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