

FORM 4

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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>STIRITZ WILLIAM P</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> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/04/2004</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Variable Forward Contract	(1)	11/04/2004		J ⁽¹⁾		800,000 ⁽¹⁾		(1)	06/04/2012	Common Stock	800,000	(1)	800,000	I	by trust ⁽²⁾

Explanation of Responses:

1. The William P. Stiritz Revocable Trust (the "Trust"), a trust of which Mr. Stiritz is trustee, entered into a variable forward contract ("VFC") with Credit Suisse First Boston Capital LLC ("CSFBC LLC") and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC. Under the VFC, CSFBC LLC sold 800,000 shares of common stock of Ball Corp. ("Common Shares") into the public market in accordance with paragraphs (f) and (g) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The VFC provides that, on June 4, 2012, the Trust will deliver a number of Common Shares to CSFBC LLC (or, at the election of the Trust, the cash equivalent of such shares) as follows: (a) if the settlement price is less than the downside floor, a delivery of 800,000 Common Shares; and (b) if the settlement price is equal to or greater than the downside floor, a delivery of between 533,334 and 800,000 Common Shares, dependent upon the settlement price.

2. The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities; 800,000 of these shares are committed for use in a variable forward contract dated 11-4-04.

By: Charles E. Baker
GenCounsel&AsstCorpSec For: 11/05/2004
William P. Stiritz

** 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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