

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>HAYES JOHN A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>BALL CORPORATION</u> <u>10 LONGS PEAK DR.</u>  (Street) <u>BROOMFIELD</u> <u>CO</u> <u>80021-2510</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BALL CORP</u> [ <u>BL</u> ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/19/2004</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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>VP, CORP STRATEGY &amp; DEV</u>  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				
Prepaid Variable Forward Contract	(1)	11/19/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000 <sup>(1)</sup>		11/18/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/18/2008	Common Stock	20,000	(1)	20,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On 11-19-04, John A. Hayes entered into a prepaid variable forward contract (Contract) with a broker/dealer (Buyer) for disposition of 20,000 shares of Ball Corp Common Stock (Ball Shares). Contract obligates Mr. Hayes to deliver to Buyer on 11-18-08 (Settlement Date) a number of Ball Shares equal to \$859,400 (currently 20,000 Ball Shares @\$42.97). In exchange Mr. Hayes initially receives a portion of the settlement price. The number of Ball Shares to be sold by Mr. Hayes under Contract will be 20,000 base amount & will depend on whether the ceiling price is above floor price. To fulfill the Contract, Ball Shares have been delivered to Buyer but will not be sold until 11-18-08. At Mr. Hayes's option, he 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 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: 11/23/2004  
John A. Hayes

\*\* 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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