FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BALL CORP [BLL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
LEWIS DONAL	LD CLYDE		Bree Cold [BEE]		Director	10% Owner			
<i>(</i>) (<i>T</i>)	(A**)		X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		RETIREI)			
BALL CORPORATION			03/24/2005						
10 LONGS PEAK DR.									
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individ	dual or Joint/Group Filing (C	Check Applicable Line)			
BROOMFIELD	СО	80021-2510	03/28/2005	X	Form filed by One Report	•			
(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)		Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	3 and 4)		(111341. 4)

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 (Ir 8)		Derivative		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)	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)	\$23.745	03/24/2005		M			3,000	(1)	04/23/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$44.36	3,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.155	03/24/2005		М			500	(1)	04/22/2013	Common Stock	500	\$44.36	500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Amending total number of beneficially owned stock options following these transactions.

By: Charles E. Baker,

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Donald C. Lewis

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

03/30/2005

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

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^{1.} Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.

 $^{^{\}star}$ 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).