FORM 4

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	me and Address of Reporting Person* ESTERLUND DAVID A (First) (Middle)		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BALL CORP [BLL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) below) Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) BALL CORPORATION 10 LONGS PEAK DR.		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2005	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

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		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	3 and 4)	(111501.4)

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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Ir	ransaction Derivative Securities		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)	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	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)	\$39.74	04/27/2005		A ⁽¹⁾		19,500		04/27/2006	04/27/2015	Common Stock	19,500	\$39.74	19,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Option (right to buy) granted under the Ball Corporation 2005 Stock & Cash Incentive Plan.

By: Robert W. McClelland,
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Westerlund

** 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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