

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WESTERLUND DAVID A</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 [BL]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/02/2005</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>SR VP, ADMIN & CORP SECRETARY</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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2005 | | M | | 10,500 | A | \$8.75 | 199,405 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,450 | 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. 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$8.75 | 05/02/2005 | | M | | | 10,500 | (2) | 09/23/2008 | Common Stock | 10,500 | \$39.32 | 72,000 | 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.

By: Charles E. Baker
VP, Gen Coun & Asst Corp Sec For: 05/03/2005
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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