

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>HOOVER R DAVID</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>05/03/2005</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 ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ 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	05/03/2005		M		60,000	A	\$11.0782	491,229	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		F		16,781	D	\$39.61	474,448	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		F		17,755	D	\$39.61	456,693	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		G		25,464	D	\$39.61	431,229	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		G		19,536	D	\$39.61	411,693	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		M		42,560	A	\$8.75	454,253	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		F		9,402	D	\$39.61	444,851	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		F		13,622	D	\$39.61	431,229	D	
Common Stock	05/03/2005		G		25,464	A	\$39.61	403,657	I	by trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	05/03/2005		G		19,536	A	\$39.61	423,193	I	by trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock								2,573	I	401(k) plan

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				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.75	05/03/2005		M			42,560	(2)	09/23/2008	Common Stock	42,560	\$39.61	10,944	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.0782	05/03/2005		M			60,000	(2)	07/22/2008	Common Stock	60,000	\$39.61	0	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 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 VP,
GenCoun&AsstCorpSec For: R. 05/04/2005
David Hoover
** 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).
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