

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 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>09/30/2005</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT &amp; CEO</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	09/30/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		J <sup>(1)</sup>		103,669 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	(1)	319,524	I	by trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								477,669	D	
Common Stock								2,645	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				
Prepaid Variable Forward Contract	(1)	09/30/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>			120,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	(1)	09/30/2005	Common Stock	103,669 <sup>(1)</sup>	(1)	0	I	by trust <sup>(2)</sup>

Explanation of Responses:

1. On 9/30/02, the Suzanne A. Hoover Revocable Trust of 1/30/97 (Trust) finalized a prepaid variable forward contract (Contract) with a broker dealer (Buyer) relating to the disposition by the Trust of between 50,000 and 60,000 shares of Ball Corporation Common Stock (Ball Shares). The Contract obligated the Trust to deliver to the Buyer on 9/30/05 (Settlement Date), a number of Ball Shares equal to \$3,000,000 (60,000 Ball shares @ \$50.00 each). In exchange, the Trust received 85.48% of \$3,000,000. The Contract provided, based on the price of Ball Shares on Settlement Date, that the Trust could receive 120% of the \$50.00 per share (Floor Price) up to a maximum of \$60.00 per share (Ceiling Price). This transaction was disclosed on a Form 4 filing with the SEC on 10/1/02. Ball Shares were subject to a stock split on 8/23/04. The Contract matured on 9/30/05 and was settled in accordance with its terms through delivery by the Trust of 103,669 Ball Shares to the Buyer.

2. The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

By: Charles E. Baker  
VP, Gen Coun & Asst Corp Sec For 10/13/2005  
R. 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).

\*\* 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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