FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HAYES JOHN A | | | 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) |
|--|------------|------------------|---|---|
| BALL CORPORAT | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2005 | EXEC VP BPE GMBH/VP BALL CORP |
| (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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 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 | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (111511.4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2005 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 120 | A | \$39.62 | 168,809 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,117 | 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 | or Exercise Price of Derivative | or Exercise Price of Derivative | or Exercise Price of Derivative | 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) | | Expiration Date | | 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) 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.

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.

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Baker, VP, GenCouns&AsstCorpSec 12/16/2005
For: John A. Hayes

** 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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