# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

 $\times$ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2025

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 001-07349

# **BALL CORPORATION**

State of Indiana

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

35-0160610 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9200 West 108th Circle

Westminster, CO

(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 303/469-3131

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act:

Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Exchange	Outstanding at May 2, 2025
Common Stock, without par value	BALL	NYSE	277,417,504 shares

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ⊠ No □

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ⊠ No □

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ⊠ Non-accelerated filer □

Accelerated filer  $\square$ Smaller reporting company□ Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🖾

80021

(Zip Code)

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **BALL CORPORATION**

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)		2025		2024			
Net sales	\$	3,097	\$	2,874			
Cost of sales (excluding depreciation and amortization)		(2,493)		(2,283)			
Depreciation and amortization		(150)		(158)			
Selling, general and administrative		(149)		(237)			
Business consolidation and other activities		(13)		(26)			
Interest income		7		26			
Interest expense		(70)		(93)			
Debt refinancing and other costs				(2)			
Earnings before taxes		229		101			
Tax (provision) benefit		(53)		(27)			
Equity in results of affiliates, net of tax		5		5			
Earnings from continuing operations		181		79			
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(2)		3,607			
Net earnings		179		3,686			
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests		_		1			
Net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation	\$	179	\$	3,685			
Earnings per share:							
Basic - continuing operations	\$	0.64	\$	0.25			
Basic - discontinued operations	Ψ	(0.01)	Ψ	11.45			
Total basic earnings per share	\$	0.63	\$	11.70			
Diluted - continuing operations	\$	0.64	\$	0.25			
Diluted - discontinued operations		(0.01)		11.36			
Total diluted earnings per share	\$	0.63	\$	11.61			
Weighted average shares outstanding: (000s)							
Basic		283,292		314,950			
Diluted		285,067		317,385			
Diruca		205,007		517,585			

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

# **BALL CORPORATION**

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS (LOSS)

	Three Months	Ended March	n 31,
(\$ in millions)	 2025		2024
Net earnings	\$ 179	\$	3,686
Other comprehensive earnings (loss):			
Currency translation adjustment	66		(87)
Pension and other postretirement benefits	(15)		141
Derivatives designated as hedges	(2)		8
Total other comprehensive earnings (loss)	 49		62
Tax (provision) benefit	12		(39)
Total other comprehensive earnings (loss), net of tax	 61		23
Total comprehensive earnings	240		3,709
Comprehensive earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	—		1
Comprehensive earnings attributable to Ball Corporation	\$ 240	\$	3,708

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

# **BALL CORPORATION**

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(\$ in millions)	March 31, 2025		December 31, 2024	
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	449	\$	885
Receivables, net		2,637		2,166
Inventories, net		1,642		1,477
Other current assets		212		169
Current assets held for sale		100		144
Total current assets		5,040		4,841
Noncurrent assets				
Property, plant and equipment, net		6,377		6,173
Goodwill		4,241		4,172
Intangible assets, net		1,062		1,080
Other assets		1,319		1,362
Total assets	\$	18,039	\$	17,628
Liabilities and Equity				
Current liabilities				
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	\$	583	\$	361
Accounts payable		3,226		3,418
Accrued employee costs		210		303
Other current liabilities		804		725
Current liabilities held for sale		22		40
Total current liabilities		4,845		4,847
Noncurrent liabilities				
Long-term debt		6,134		5,312
Employee benefit obligations		541		577
Deferred taxes		580		594
Other liabilities		370		368
Total liabilities		12,470		11,698
Equity		1 401		1 205
Common stock (684,673,139 shares issued - 2025; 684,168,252 shares issued - 2024)		1,401		1,395
Retained earnings		11,649		11,527
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss)		(942)		(1,003)
Treasury stock, at cost (405,213,205 shares - 2025; 394,790,362 shares - 2024)	. <u> </u>	(6,607)		(6,057
Total Ball Corporation shareholders' equity		5,501		5,862
Noncontrolling interests		68		68
Total equity	<u>^</u>	5,569	<b>^</b>	5,930
Total liabilities and equity	\$	18,039	\$	17,628

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Sin millions)       20         Cash Flows from Operating Activities       \$         Net earnings       \$         Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:       \$         Depreciation and amortization       \$         Business consolidation and other activities       \$         Deferred tax provision (benefit)       \$         Gain on Aerospace disposal       \$         Pension contributions       \$         Other, net       \$         Cash provided by (used in) operating activities       \$         Cash Flows from Investing Activities       \$         Cash Flows from Investing Activities       \$         Cash Flows from Investing Activities       \$         Cash provided by (used in) investing activities       \$         Cash provided by (used in) investing activities       \$         Cash Flows from Financing Activities       \$         Cash provided by (used in) investing activities       \$         Cash Flows from Financing Activities       \$		nded March 31,		
Net earnings       \$         Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:       Depreciation and amortization         Business consolidation and other activities       Deferred tax provision (benefit)         Gain on Aerospace disposal       Pension contributions         Other, net       Changes in working capital components, net of acquisitions and dispositions         Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	25	2024		
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Other, net Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(555)	(182		
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(57)	(63		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	17		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	396	(2,978		
	12	(52		
Change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(464)	1,015		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - beginning of period (a)	931	710		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - end of period (a)	467 \$	§ 1,725		

(a) Includes \$5 million and \$32 million of cash presented in current assets held for sale on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively.

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements (consolidated financial statements) include the accounts of Ball Corporation and its controlled affiliates, including its consolidated variable interest entities (collectively Ball, the company, we or our), and have been prepared by the company. Certain information and footnote disclosures, including critical and significant accounting policies normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, have been condensed or omitted for this quarterly presentation.

Results of operations for the periods shown are not necessarily indicative of results for the year, particularly in view of the seasonality in the packaging segments. These consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the company's 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 20, 2025, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 (annual report).

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires Ball's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. These estimates are based on historical experience and various assumptions believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Ball's management evaluates these estimates on an ongoing basis and adjusts or revises the estimates as circumstances change. As future events and their impacts cannot be determined with precision, actual results may differ from these estimates. In the opinion of management, the consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments that are of a normal recurring nature and are necessary to fairly state the results of the periods presented.

On February 16, 2024, the company completed the divestiture of its aerospace business. The transaction represents a strategic shift; therefore, the company's consolidated financial statements reflect the aerospace business' financial results as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Unless otherwise specified, these notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect continuing operations only.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified in order to conform to the current year presentation.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

#### Global Economic Environment

Recent data has indicated that the rate of inflation is slowing in the majority of regions where we operate. That said, current and future inflationary effects may continue to be impacted by, among other things, supply chain disruptions, governmental stimulus or fiscal and monetary policies, changes in interest rates, tariffs, and changing demand for certain goods and services. There is currently significant uncertainty as to the extent and duration of tariffs and the associated impacts on inflation. Furthermore, we cannot predict with any certainty the impact that interest rates, a global or any regional recession, tariffs, or higher inflation may have on our customers or suppliers. Additionally, we are unable to predict the potential effects that any future pandemic, hyperinflation in Argentina and Egypt, or the continuation or escalation of global conflicts, including the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the instability in the Middle East and Myanmar, and related sanctions or market disruptions, may have on our business. It remains uncertain how long any of these conditions may last or how severe any of them may become.

# **Ball Corporation**

## Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Ball management has reviewed the estimates used in preparing the company's consolidated financial statements and the following have a reasonably possible likelihood of being affected, to a material extent, by the direct and indirect impacts of the current global economic environment in the near-term.

- Estimates regarding the future financial performance of the business used in the impairment tests for goodwill, long-lived assets, equity method investments, recoverability of deferred tax assets and estimates regarding cash needs and associated indefinite reinvestment assertions;
- Estimates of recoverability for customer receivables;
- Estimates of net realizable value for inventory; and
- Estimates regarding the likelihood of forecasted transactions associated with hedge accounting positions at March 31, 2025, which could impact the company's ability to satisfy hedge accounting requirements and result in the recognition of income and/or expenses.

In addition to the above potential impacts on the estimates used in preparing the consolidated financial statements, the current global economic environment has the potential to increase Ball's vulnerabilities to near-term severe impacts related to certain concentrations in its business. In line with other companies in the packaging industry, Ball makes the majority of its sales and significant purchases to or from a relatively small number of global, or large regional, customers and suppliers. Furthermore, Ball makes the majority of its sales from a small number of product lines. The potential of the current global economic environment to affect a significant customer or supplier, or to affect demand for certain products to a significant degree, heightens the vulnerability of Ball to these concentrations.

# 2. Accounting Pronouncements

New Accounting Guidance and Disclosure Requirements

#### Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses

In 2024, new guidance was issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) with the goal of providing financial statement users with more expense information of certain categories of expenses that are included in line items on the face of the statements of earnings. The company is assessing the impact that the adoption of this new guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements and expects to meet the disclosure requirements on a prospective basis in its 2027 annual report and interim periods thereafter.

#### Income Tax Disclosures

In 2023, new guidance was issued by the FASB with the goal of providing financial statement users with more information in the income tax rate reconciliation table and regarding income taxes paid. The company is preparing for the adoption of this new guidance in its consolidated financial statements and expects to meet the disclosure requirements on a prospective basis in its 2025 annual report.

# 3. Business Segment Information

Ball's operations are organized and reviewed by management along its product lines and geographical areas and presented in the three reportable segments outlined below.

<u>Beverage packaging. North and Central America</u>: Consists of operations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico that manufacture and sell aluminum beverage containers throughout those countries.

<u>Beverage packaging, EMEA</u>: Consists of operations in numerous countries throughout Europe, as well as Egypt and Turkey, that manufacture and sell aluminum beverage containers throughout those countries.

Beverage packaging. South America: Consists of operations in Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile that manufacture and sell aluminum beverage containers throughout most of South America.

#### Ball Corporation Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

As presented in the tables below, Other consists of a non-reportable operating segment (beverage packaging, other) that manufactures and sells aluminum beverage containers in India, Saudi Arabia and Myanmar; a non-reportable operating segment that manufactures and sells extruded aluminum aerosol containers and recloseable aluminum bottles across multiple consumer categories as well as aluminum slugs (personal & home care or PHC) throughout North America, South America, and Europe; a non-reportable operating segment that manufactured and sold aluminum cups) (aluminum cups); undistributed corporate expenses; and intercompany eliminations and other business activities. As of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, the assets and liabilities of the Saudi Arabian business were presented as current assets held for sale and current liabilities held for sale on the unaudited condensed consolidating the business. The financial results of the aluminum cups business are presented in Other in the tables below through the date of the transaction and the assets and liabilities of the business were presented as current assets held for sale and current liabilities of the sale on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. On Sale on the business were presented as current assets held for sale and current liabilities held for sale on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets of the business were presented as current assets held for sale and current liabilities held for sale on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2024. See <u>Note 4</u> for further details on the Saudi Arabia and aluminum cups businesses.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those used in the consolidated financial statements, as discussed in <u>Note 1</u>. The company also has investments in operations in Guatemala, Panama, the U.S. and Vietnam that are accounted for under the equity method of accounting and, accordingly, those results are not included in segment sales or earnings.

Dan Fisher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is the company's chief operating decision maker (CODM). For each reportable segment, the CODM uses segment comparable operating earnings to analyze profitability compared to internal forecasts and comparative prior periods. These analyses allow the CODM to have constructive dialogue with other company leaders on how to improve company performance.

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Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Summary of Business by Segment

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
(\$ in millions)		2025		2024				
Net sales	•		<b>^</b>					
Beverage packaging, North and Central America	\$	1,463	\$	1,403				
Beverage packaging, EMEA		903		810				
Beverage packaging, South America		544		482				
Reportable segment sales		2,910		2,695				
Other		187		179				
Net sales	\$	3,097	\$	2,874				
Comparable segment operating earnings (a)								
Beverage packaging, North and Central America	\$	195	\$	192				
Beverage packaging, EMEA		96		85				
Beverage packaging, South America		69		55				
Reportable segment comparable operating earnings		360		332				
Reconciling items								
Other (b)		(15)		(72)				
Business consolidation and other activities		(13)		(26)				
Amortization of acquired intangibles		(33)		(38)				
Interest expense		(70)		(93)				
Debt refinancing and other costs		—		(2)				
Earnings before taxes	\$	229	\$	101				

(a) The difference between reportable segment net sales and comparable operating earnings is comprised of other segment items. Other segment items includes cost of sales, depreciation and amortization, selling, general and administrative and interest income amounts. The CODM does not receive or use these amounts at the reportable segment level. However, the CODM is provided these amounts at a consolidated level to manage operations.

(b) Includes undistributed corporate expenses, net, of \$43 million and \$96 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, undistributed corporate expenses, net, includes \$1 million and \$17 million of corporate interest income. For the three months ended March 31, 2024, undistributed corporate expenses, net, includes \$79 million of incremental compensation cost from the successful sale of the aerospace business.

		Three Months	Ended March	31,
<u>(</u> \$ in millions)	2025			2024
Depreciation and amortization				
Beverage packaging, North and Central America	\$	56	\$	54
Beverage packaging, EMEA		47		47
Beverage packaging, South America		36		41
Reportable segment depreciation and amortization		139		142
Other		11		16
Depreciation and amortization	\$	150	\$	158

The company does not disclose total assets by segment as it is not provided to the CODM.

#### 4. Acquisitions and Dispositions

#### Acquisition of Florida Can Manufacturing

In February 2025, the company closed on the acquisition of Florida Can Manufacturing for cash consideration of \$160 million. The business is comprised of an aluminum beverage can manufacturing facility located in Winter Haven, Florida and is included in Ball's beverage packaging, North and Central America, segment. The transaction strengthens the

segment's supply network and enhances its ability to meet growing customer demand for sustainable beverage packaging solutions in the region.

#### Aluminum Cups

In the fourth quarter of 2024, Ball's Board of Directors provided approval for the company to form a strategic partnership for the aluminum cups business in early 2025. As a result, Ball recorded a noncash impairment charge of \$233 million in the fourth quarter of 2024 to adjust the carrying value of the disposal group of our aluminum cups business to its estimated fair value less cost to sell. This charge was included in business consolidation and other activities in the consolidated statement of earnings for the year ended December 31, 2024. The remaining assets and liabilities were presented as current assets held for sale and current liabilities held for sale on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2024.

On March 21, 2025, Ball and Ayna.AI LLC (Ayna) executed a Unit Purchase Agreement to form a strategic partnership in which Ball owns a 49 percent interest. Ball's interest in the entity, Oasis Venture Holdings LLC ("Oasis"), will be accounted for under the equity method of accounting. For the three months ended March 31, 2025, Ball recorded an additional loss of \$6 million relating to the transaction in business consolidation and other activities in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of earnings.

#### Saudi Arabia

In November 2024, the company entered into an agreement to sell 41 percent of its 51 percent ownership interest in Ball United Arab Can Manufacturing Company, which is expected to close in the first half of 2025. As of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, the assets and liabilities of the business were presented as current assets and current liabilities held for sale. As of March 31, 2025, the assets and liabilities were \$87 million and \$22 million, respectively, which are primarily related to working capital and property, plant and equipment. The entity also has a noncontrolling interest of \$62 million as of March 31, 2025, which will be derecognized upon sale. The transaction is expected to result in deconsolidation upon closing and Ball will retain a 10 percent ownership interest. A gain of approximately \$75 million is expected to be recognized upon sale and no impairment or loss resulted from meeting held for sale presentation.

#### Personal & Home Care Acquisition of Alucan Entec

In October 2024, the company acquired the entire share capital of Alucan Entec, S.A, an impact extruded aluminum packaging business with a manufacturing facility in Lummen, Belgium and Llinars del Vallés, Spain, for the purchase price of  $\notin$ 82 million, subject to customary closing adjustments. Using the exchange rate on the date of close, the initial cash consideration of \$80 million (or  $\notin$ 75 million) was paid at close, with an additional holdback of \$8 million (or  $\notin$ 7 million) to be paid over the next three years, less any potential obligations covered by the holdback arrangement. The business is part of Ball's PHC segment. The transaction broadens the geographic reach and expands the product portfolio of Ball's PHC business, serving the growing personal, home care and beverage bottle markets.

#### Aerospace

In the third quarter of 2023, Ball entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with BAE Systems, Inc. (BAE) and, for the limited purposes set forth therein, BAE Systems plc, to sell all outstanding equity interests in Ball's aerospace business. On February 16, 2024, the company completed the divestiture of the aerospace business for a purchase price of \$5.6 billion, subject to working capital adjustments and other customary closing adjustments with BAE, which may adjust the final cash proceeds and gain on sale amounts. As such, during the fourth quarter of 2024, Ball reduced the gain by \$60 million based on preliminary concessions related to the purchase price. After this adjustment and the \$2 million loss recorded in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2025, the divestiture resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$4.61 billion. Cash proceeds received at close from the sale of \$5.42 billion, net of the cash disposed, are presented in business dispositions, net of cash sold, in the 2024 consolidated statement of cash flows. Income taxes related to the transaction that have not yet been paid are recorded in other current liabilities on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. Additionally, the completion of the divestiture resulted in the removal of the aerospace business from the company's obligor group, as the business no longer guarantees the company's senior notes and senior credit facilities.

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The sale of the aerospace business represents a strategic shift that will have a major effect on Ball's operations and financial results, including the removal of the aerospace reportable segment. Due to this shift, the aerospace business' financial results are reported as discontinued operations in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of earnings. See <u>Note 1</u> for further information on the basis of presentation.

The following table presents components of discontinued operations, net of tax for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024:

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
(\$ in millions)	202	25		2024				
Net sales	\$	—	\$	261				
Cost of sales (excluding depreciation and amortization)		_		(214)				
Depreciation and amortization				(9)				
Selling, general and administrative		_		(11)				
Gain (loss) on disposition		(2)		4,695				
Tax (provision) benefit		_		(1,115)				
Discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	(2)	\$	3,607				

The following table presents depreciation and amortization, capital expenditures and significant operating and investing noncash items from discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, included within the consolidated statements of cash flows. Amounts include adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
(\$ in millions)	2025		2024				
Provided by (used in)							
Depreciation and amortization	\$	—	\$	9			
Gain on Aerospace disposal		2		(4,695)			
Capital expenditures		—		(13)			

For the three months ended March 31, 2024, noncash investing activities included \$17 million for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment (PP&E) for which payment had not been made for the aerospace business. These noncash capital expenditures were excluded from the consolidated statement of cash flows.

# 5. Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The following table disaggregates the company's net sales based on the timing of transfer of control:

		(\$ in millions)	
Three Months Ended March 31,	 Point in Time	Over Time	Total
2025	\$ 544	\$ 2,553	\$ 3,097
2024	556	2,318	2,874

The company did not have any contract assets at either March 31, 2025, or December 31, 2024. The opening and closing balances of the company's current and noncurrent contract liabilities are as follows:

(§ in millions)	Li	ontract abilities urrent)	 Contract Liabilities (Noncurrent)
Balance at December 31, 2024	\$	50	\$ 2
Increase (decrease)		13	_
Balance at March 31, 2025	\$	63	\$ 2

During the three months ended March 31, 2025, contract liabilities increased by \$13 million, which is net of cash received of \$18 million and amounts recognized as sales of \$5 million, the majority of which related to current contract liabilities. The amount of sales recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2025, that was included in the opening contract liabilities balance, was \$5 million, all of which related to current contract liabilities. The difference between the opening and closing balances of the company's contract liabilities primarily results from timing differences between the company's performance and the customer's payments. Current contract liabilities are classified within other current liabilities on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets and noncurrent contract liabilities are classified within other liabilities.

# 6. Business Consolidation and Other Activities

# <u>2025</u>

During the three months ended March 31, 2025, the company recorded net charges of \$13 million, primarily composed of the loss related to the aluminum cups business transaction and costs for previously announced facility closures. These charges were partially offset by income from the receipt of insurance proceeds for replacement costs related to the 2023 fire at the company's Verona, Virginia extruded aluminum slug manufacturing facility. See <u>Note 4</u> for further details on the aluminum cups transaction.

# <u>2024</u>

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the net charges of \$26 million primarily related to \$25 million of facility closure costs and other charges. These charges were partially offset by income from the receipt of insurance proceeds for replacement costs related to the 2023 fire at the company's Verona, Virginia extruded aluminum slug manufacturing facility.

# 7. Supplemental Cash Flow Statement and Other Disclosures

	March 31,								
(\$ in millions)	2025			2024					
Beginning of period:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	885	\$	695					
Current restricted cash (included in other current assets)		8		15					
Noncurrent restricted cash (included in other assets)		6		_					
Cash reported in current assets held for sale		32							
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	931	\$	710					
End of period:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	449	\$	1,719					
Current restricted cash (included in other current assets)		7		6					
Noncurrent restricted cash (included in other assets)		6							
Cash reported in current assets held for sale		5		_					
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	467	\$	1,725					

The company's current restricted cash is primarily related to receivables factoring programs and represents amounts collected from customers that have not yet been remitted to the banks as of the end of the reporting period. Noncurrent restricted cash is comprised of additional cash consideration to be paid for the acquisition of Alucan Entec, S.A, less any potential obligations covered by the holdback arrangement. See <u>Note 4</u> for further details.

Noncash investing activities include the acquisition of property, plant and equipment (PP&E) for which payment has not been made. These noncash capital expenditures are excluded from the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. A summary of the PP&E acquired but not yet paid, inclusive of amounts related to the historical aerospace business, is as follows:

	2025		2024	
\$	96	\$		204
\$	74	\$		168
	\$ \$	2025		2025 2024

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# Supplier Finance Programs

The amount of obligations outstanding that the company confirmed as valid to the financial institutions under the company's regional supplier finance programs was \$433 million and \$423 million at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. These amounts are classified within accounts payable on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, and the associated payments are reflected in the cash flows from operating activities section of the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

# 8. Receivables, Net

(\$ in millions)	March 31, 2025				
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 1,569	\$	1,258		
Unbilled receivables	573		490		
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(13)		(12)		
Net trade accounts receivable	 2,129	_	1,736		
Other receivables	508		430		
	\$ 2,637	\$	2,166		

The company has entered into several regional accounts receivable factoring programs with various financial institutions for certain receivables of the company. The programs are accounted for as true sales of the receivables, with limited recourse to Ball, and had combined limits of approximately \$1.64 billion and \$1.60 billion at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. A total of \$472 million and \$428 million were available for sale under these programs as of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. The company has recorded expense related to its factoring programs of \$10 million and \$13 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, and has presented these amounts in selling, general and administrative in its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

Other receivables include income and indirect tax receivables, aluminum scrap sale receivables and other miscellaneous receivables.

#### 9. Inventories, Net

(\$ in millions)	N	Iarch 31, 2025	 December 31, 2024
Raw materials and supplies	\$	1,179	\$ 1,089
Finished goods		549	470
Less: Inventory reserves		(86)	(82)
	\$	1,642	\$ 1,477

# 10. Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

(\$ in millions)	M	larch 31, 2025	 December 31, 2024		
Land	\$	206	\$ 198		
Buildings		1,876	1,794		
Machinery and equipment		7,745	7,450		
Construction-in-progress		796	836		
		10,623	 10,278		
Accumulated depreciation		(4,246)	(4,105)		
	\$	6,377	\$ 6,173		

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Depreciation expense was \$114 million and \$116 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

# 11. Goodwill

(\$ in millions)	P: Nort	Beverage ackaging, th & Central America	 Beverage Packaging, EMEA	I	Beverage Packaging, uth America	 Other	 Total
Balance at December 31, 2024	\$	1,277	\$ 1,289	\$	1,300	\$ 306	\$ 4,172
Effects of currency exchange			57			18	75
Business dispositions		—				(6)	(6)
Balance at March 31, 2025	\$	1,277	\$ 1,346	\$	1,300	\$ 318	\$ 4,241

# 12. Intangible Assets, Net

(S in millions)	March 31, 2025		Dec	2024 cember 31,
Acquired customer relationships and other intangibles (net of accumulated amortization and				
impairment losses of \$1.16 billion at March 31, 2025, and \$1.11 billion at December 31, 2024)	\$	1,013	\$	1,031
Capitalized software (net of accumulated amortization of \$171 million at March 31, 2025, and				
\$168 million at December 31, 2024)		28		28
Other intangibles (net of accumulated amortization of \$13 million at March 31, 2025, and \$12				
million at December 31, 2024)		21		21
	\$	1,062	\$	1,080

Total amortization expense of intangible assets was \$36 million and \$42 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

# 13. Other Assets

(\$ in millions)	 March 31, 2025	D	December 31, 2024
Long-term pension assets	\$ 37	\$	36
Right-of-use operating lease assets	332		334
Investments in affiliates	241		233
Long-term deferred tax assets	61		63
Other	648		696
	\$ 1,319	\$	1,362

Investments in affiliates primarily includes the company's 50 percent ownership interest in an entity in Guatemala, a 50 percent ownership interest in an entity in Vietnam, a 50 percent ownership interest in an entity in Vietnam, a 50 percent ownership interest in an entity in the U.S. and a 33 percent ownership interest in an entity in the U.S.

#### 14. Leases

The company enters into operating leases for buildings, warehouses, office equipment, production equipment, aircraft, land and other types of equipment. The company also enters into finance leases for certain plant equipment and an aircraft. Supplemental balance sheet information related to the company's leases follows:

			March 31,		December 31,	
(\$ in millions)	Balance Sheet Location		2025	2024		
Operating leases:						
Operating lease ROU asset	Other assets	\$	332	\$	334	
Current operating lease liabilities	Other current liabilities		81		79	
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities	Other liabilities		262		265	
Finance leases:						
Finance lease ROU assets, net	Property, plant and equipment, net		6		31	
	Short-term debt and current portion of long-term					
Current finance lease liabilities	debt		2		26	
Noncurrent finance lease liabilities	Long-term debt		5		5	

# 15. Debt

Long-term debt outstanding and interest rates in effect, along with short-term debt outstanding, consisted of the following:

(\$ in millions)	M	arch 31, 2025	De	ecember 31, 2024
Senior Notes				
5.25% due July 2025	\$	189	\$	189
4.875% due March 2026		256		256
1.50%, euro denominated, due March 2027		595		569
6.875% due March 2028		750		750
6.00% due June 2029		1,000		1,000
2.875% due August 2030		1,300		1,300
3.125% due September 2031		850		850
Senior Credit Facility (at variable rates)				
U.S. dollar revolver due June 2027 (5.41% - 2025)		850		—
Multi-currency revolver due June 2027 (5.42% - 2025)		200		—
Term A loan due June 2027 (5.42% - 2025)		625		625
Finance lease obligations		7		7
Other (including debt issuance costs)		(41)		(43)
		6,581		5,503
Less: Current portion of long-term debt		(447)		(191)
Long-term debt	\$	6,134	\$	5,312
Short-term debt				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	447	\$	191
Short-term finance leases				24
Short-term committed loans		86		109
Short-term uncommitted credit facilities		50		37
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	\$	583	\$	361

The company's senior credit facilities include long-term multi-currency revolving facilities that mature in June 2027, which provide the company with up to the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$1.75 billion. At March 31, 2025, \$674 million was available under these revolving credit facilities. Additionally, at March 31, 2025, the company's short-term uncommitted credit facilities provided the company with up to \$988 million.

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The fair value of Ball's long-term debt was estimated to be \$6.32 billion and \$5.19 billion at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. The fair value reflects the market rates at each period end for debt with credit ratings similar to the company's ratings and is classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. Rates currently available to the company for loans with similar terms and maturities are used to estimate the fair value of long-term debt based on discounted cash flows.

The U.S. note agreements and bank credit agreement contain certain restrictions relating to dividend payments, share repurchases, investments, financial ratios, guarantees and the incurrence of additional indebtedness. The company's most restrictive debt covenant requires it to maintain a leverage ratio (as defined) of no greater than 5.0 times, which will change to 4.5 times as of September 30, 2025. The company was in compliance with the leverage ratio requirement at March 31, 2025, and for all prior periods presented, and has met all debt payment obligations.

#### 16. Taxes on Income

The company's effective tax rate was 23.1 percent and 26.7 percent for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. As compared to the statutory U.S. tax rate, the effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2025, increased by 1.2 percentage points for state and local taxes, increased by 1.1 percentage points for non-U.S. rate differences and withholding taxes net of credits, increased by 0.5 percentage points for Pillar Two Global Minimum Taxes and decreased by 0.9 percentage points for U.S. permanent differences. As compared to the statutory U.S. tax rate, the effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2024, increased by 2.4 percentage points for non-U.S. rate differences and withholding taxes net of credits, increased by 1.7 percentage points for U.S. permanent differences, increased by 1.0 percentage points for tax on Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income, increased by 1.0 percentage points for Pillar Two Global Minimum Taxes and decreased points for the effects of share-based compensation.

## 17. Employee Benefit Obligations

(\$ in millions)	ch 31, 25	December 31, 2024
Underfunded defined benefit pension liabilities	\$ 259	\$ 263
Less: Current portion	(20)	(20)
Long-term defined benefit pension liabilities	239	243
Long-term retiree medical liabilities	77	79
Deferred compensation plans	176	206
Other	49	49
	\$ 541	\$ 577

Components of net periodic benefit cost associated with the company's defined benefit pension plans were as follows:

Three Months Ended March											
		2025								2024	
(\$ in millions)		U.S. Non-U.S. Total		_	U.S.	No	n-U.S.	 Fotal			
Ball-sponsored plans:											
Service cost	\$	4	\$	_	\$	4	\$	4	\$	1	\$ 5
Interest cost		14		22		36		15		20	35
Expected return on plan assets		(20)		(21)		(41)		(22)		(20)	(42)
Amortization of prior service cost		—		1		1		_		1	1
Recognized net actuarial loss		1		4		5		1		4	5
Total net periodic benefit cost	\$	(1)	\$	6	\$	5	\$	(2)	\$	6	\$ 4

Non-service pension income of \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, is included in selling, general and administrative in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

Contributions to the company's defined benefit pension plans were \$7 million for the first three months of 2025

compared to \$10 million for the first three months of 2024, and such contributions are expected to be approximately \$32 million for the full year of 2025. This estimate may change based on changes in the Pension Protection Act, actual plan asset performance and available company cash flow, among other factors.

In November 2023, the Trustee Board of the U.K. defined benefit pension plan entered into an agreement with an insurance company for a bulk annuity purchase, or "buy-in", for its U.K. defined benefit pension plan to reduce retirement plan risk, while delivering promised benefits to plan participants. This transaction allows the company to reduce volatility by removing investment, longevity, mortality, interest rate and inflation risk upon the transfer of substantially all of the pension plan assets to the insurer in exchange for the group annuity insurance contract. At this time the company retains both the fair value of the annuity contract within plan assets and the pension benefit obligations related to these participants. The plan was frozen on April 5, 2024, and future service accruals were replaced with defined contribution benefits for the impacted employees. The company anticipates the "buy-out" will occur within three years of the plan freeze, which will trigger a pension settlement that will result in all plan balances, including accumulated pension components within other comprehensive income, being charged to expense as a noncash settlement charge.

#### 18. Equity and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)

The following tables provide additional details of the company's equity activity, inclusive of activity related to the aerospace business impacting the company's equity:

	Common Number of	n Stock	Treasury Number of	Stock	Retained	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Noncontrolling	Total
(\$ in millions; share amounts in thousands)	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Earnings (Loss)	Interest	Equity
Balance at December 31, 2024	684,168	\$ 1,395	(394,790)	\$ (6,057)	\$ 11,527	\$ (1,003)	\$ 68	\$ 5,930
Net earnings	_	_			179		_	179
Other comprehensive earnings (loss), net of tax	_	_	_	_	_	61	-	61
Common dividends	_		_	_	(57)	_	-	(57)
Treasury stock purchases	_	_	(10,494)	(560)		_	-	(560)
Treasury shares reissued	_		71	3	_	_	_	3
Shares issued and stock compensation for stock options and								
other stock plans, net of shares exchanged	505	6	_	_	_	_	_	6
Distributions from deferred compensation plans and other								
activity				7				7
Balance at March 31, 2025	684,673	\$ 1,401	(405,213)	\$ (6,607)	\$ 11,649	\$ (942)	\$ 68	\$ 5,569

	Common Number of	1 Stock	Treasury Number of	Stock	Accumulated Other Retained Comprehensive		Noncontrolling	Total
(\$ in millions; share amounts in thousands)	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Earnings	Earnings (Loss)	Interest	Equity
Balance at December 31, 2023	683,241	\$ 1,312	(367,551)	\$ (4,390)	\$ 7,763	\$ (916)	\$ 68	\$ 3,837
Net earnings	_			_	3,685	_	1	3,686
Other comprehensive earnings (loss), net of tax	_	_	_	_		23	_	23
Common dividends	_	_	_		(63)	_	_	(63)
Treasury stock purchases	_	_	(3,065)	(196)		_	_	(196)
Treasury shares reissued	_	_	72	7	_	_	_	7
Shares issued and stock compensation for stock options and								
other stock plans, net of shares exchanged	319	40	_	_	_	_	_	40
Distributions from deferred compensation plans and other								
activity				42	1			43
Balance at March 31, 2024	683,560	\$ 1,352	(370,544)	\$ (4,537)	\$ 11,386	\$ (893)	\$ 69	\$ 7,377

On January 29, 2025, the Board of Directors approved the repurchase by the company of up to \$4.00 billion in shares of its common stock. This repurchase authorization replaced all previous authorizations.

# Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)

The activity related to accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss) was as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Tra	urrency inslation it of Tax)	Post Ben	nsion and Other retirement efits et of Tax)	Desig H	ivatives gnated as edges t of Tax)	 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)
Balance at December 31, 2024	\$	(618)	\$	(402)	\$	17	\$ (1,003)
Other comprehensive earnings (loss) before reclassifications		68		(14)		(25)	29
Amounts reclassified into earnings		6 (a)		3		23	32
Balance at March 31, 2025	\$	(544)	\$	(413)	\$	15	\$ (942)

(a) Currency translation recorded in business consolidation and other activities from business disposal.

The following table provides additional details of the amounts reclassified into net earnings from accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss):

	]	Three Months Ended March 31,				
(\$ in millions)		2025		2024		
Gains (losses) on cash flow hedges:						
Commodity contracts recorded in net sales	\$	(5)	\$	13		
Commodity contracts recorded in cost of sales		3		(14)		
Currency exchange contracts recorded in selling, general and administrative		(28)		32		
Interest rate contracts recorded in interest expense		—		3		
Total before tax effect		(30)		34		
Tax benefit (expense) on amounts reclassified into earnings		7		(8)		
Recognized gain (loss), net of tax	\$	(23)	\$	26		
Amortization and disposal of pension and other postretirement benefits: (a)						
Actuarial gains (losses) (b)	\$	(4)	\$	(3)		
Prior service income (expense) (b)				(1)		
Aerospace disposal				(127)		
Total before tax effect		(4)		(131)		
Tax benefit (expense) on amounts reclassified into earnings		1		34		
Recognized gain (loss), net of tax	\$	(3)	\$	(97)		

(a) 2024 includes amounts associated with the Salaried Employees of Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Pension Plan

(b) These components are included in the computation of net periodic benefit cost detailed in <u>Note 17</u>.

# 19. Earnings and Dividends Per Share

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts; shares in thousands)		2024			
Earnings from continuing operations attributable to Ball Corporation, net of tax	\$	181	\$	78	
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(2)		3,607	
Net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation	\$	179	\$	3,685	
Basic weighted average common shares		283,292		314,950	
Effect of dilutive securities		1,775		2,435	
Weighted average shares applicable to diluted earnings per share		285,067		317,385	
Basic - continuing operations	\$	0.64	\$	0.25	
Basic - discontinued operations		(0.01)		11.45	
Per basic share	\$	0.63	\$	11.70	
Diluted - continuing operations	\$	0.64	\$	0.25	
Diluted - discontinued operations		(0.01)		11.36	
Per diluted share	\$	0.63	\$	11.61	

Certain outstanding options were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation because they were anti-dilutive. The excluded options totaled approximately 5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024.

The company declared and paid dividends of \$0.20 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024.

#### 20. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

#### **Policies and Procedures**

The company employs established risk management policies and procedures, which seek to reduce the company's commercial risk exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices, interest rates, currency exchange rates, net investments in foreign operations and prices of the company's common stock with regard to common share repurchases and the company's deferred compensation stock plan. However, there can be no assurance that these policies and procedures will be successful. Although the instruments utilized involve varying degrees of credit, market and interest risk, the counterparties to the agreements are expected to perform fully under the terms of the agreements. The company monitors counterparty credit risk, including lenders, on a regular basis, but Ball cannot be certain that all risks will be discerned or that its risk management policies and procedures will always be effective. Additionally, in the event of default under the company's master derivative agreements, the non-defaulting party has the option to offset any amounts owed with regard to open derivative positions.

**Commodity Price Risk** - The company manages commodity price risk in connection with market price fluctuations of aluminum through two different methods. First, the company enters into container sales contracts that include aluminum-based pricing terms which generally reflect the same price fluctuations under commercial purchase contracts for aluminum sheet. The terms include fixed, floating or pass-through aluminum component pricing. Second, the company uses certain derivative instruments, including option and forward contracts, as economic and cash flow hedges of commodity price risk where there are material differences between sales and purchase contracted pricing and volume.

Interest Rate Risk - The company's objective in managing exposure to interest rate changes is to minimize the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower its overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, the company may use a variety of interest rate swaps, collars and options to manage its mix of floating and fixed-rate debt.

Currency Exchange Rate Risk - The company's objective in managing exposure to currency fluctuations is to limit the exposure of cash flows and earnings from changes associated with currency exchange rate changes through the use of

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various derivative contracts. In addition, at times the company manages earnings translation volatility through the use of currency option strategies, and the change in the fair value of those options is recorded in the company's net earnings.

Net Investments in Foreign Operations Risk – The company is exposed to changes in foreign currencies impacting its net investments held in foreign subsidiaries. The company's objective in managing exposure to net investments in foreign operations is to limit the foreign exchange translation risk associated with its net investments in non-U.S. Dollar foreign entities. The company uses fixed-for-fixed cross currency swaps to achieve this objective.

The following table provides additional information related to the commercial risk management derivative instruments described above:

(\$ in millions)		March 31, 2025							
Commercial risk area	Commodity		Currency		Interest Rate		Net Investment		
Notional amount of contracts	\$	1,398	\$	2,857	\$	600	€	1,050	
Net gain (loss) included in AOCI, after-tax		15		(3)		3		(6)	
Net gain (loss) included in AOCI, after-tax, expected to be recognized in net earnings within									
the next 12 months		15		(4)		3		—	
Longest duration of forecasted hedge									
transactions in years		2		2		2		4	

# **Common Stock Price Risk**

The company's deferred compensation stock program is subject to variable plan accounting and, accordingly, is marked to fair value using the company's closing stock price at the end of the related reporting period. The company entered into total return swaps to reduce the company's earnings exposure to these fair value fluctuations that will be outstanding through March 2026, and which have a combined notional value of 1.3 million shares. Based on the current number of shares in the program, each \$1 change in the company's stock price would have an insignificant impact on pretax earnings, net of the impact of related derivatives.

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# **Fair Value Measurements**

Ball has classified all applicable financial derivative assets and liabilities as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy as of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, and presented those values in the tables below. The company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

		March 31, 2025						
(\$ in millions)	Balance Sheet Location	Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments		Derivatives not Designated as Hedging Instruments			Total	
Assets:						â		
Commodity contracts		\$	31	\$	_	\$	31	
Currency contracts			22		9		31	
Interest rate and other contracts			4		_		4	
Total current derivative contracts	Other current assets	\$	57	\$	9	\$	66	
Currency contracts		\$	_	\$	1	\$	1	
Interest rate and other contracts			1		_		1	
Total noncurrent derivative contracts	Other noncurrent assets	\$	1	\$	1	\$	2	
Liabilities:								
Commodity contracts		\$	17	\$	—	\$	17	
Currency contracts			—		31		31	
Interest rate and other contracts					2		2	
Total current derivative contracts	Other current liabilities	\$	17	\$	33	\$	50	
Commodity contracts		\$	1	\$		\$	1	
Net investment hedge			9				9	
Total noncurrent derivative contracts	Other noncurrent liabilities	\$	10	\$		\$	10	

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(\$ in millions)	Balance Sheet Location	Derivatives Designated as Hedging eet Location Instruments		Deriv Desi H	ber 31, 2024 vatives not gnated as edging truments	Total	
Assets:							
Commodity contracts		\$	26	\$		\$	26
Currency contracts					36		36
Interest rate and other contracts			4		—		4
Total current derivative contracts	Other current assets	\$	30	\$	36	\$	66
Currency contracts		\$	51	\$	_	\$	51
Interest rate and other contracts			6		—		6
Net investment hedge			20		—		20
Total noncurrent derivative contracts	Other noncurrent assets	\$	77	\$		\$	77
Liabilities:							
Commodity contracts		\$	7	\$	—	\$	7
Currency contracts			—	_	13		13
Total current derivative contracts	Other current liabilities	\$	7	\$	13	\$	20
Commodity contracts		\$	1	\$	_	\$	1
Other Contracts					12		12
Total noncurrent derivative contracts	Other noncurrent liabilities	\$	1	\$	12	\$	13

The company uses closing spot and forward market prices as published by the London Metal Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Reuters and Bloomberg to determine the fair value of any outstanding aluminum, currency, energy, cross currency swaps and interest rate spot and forward contracts. Option contracts are valued using a Black-Scholes model with observable market inputs for aluminum, currency and interest rates. The company values each of its financial instruments either internally using a single valuation technique, from a reliable observable market source or from third-party software. The present value discounting factor is based on the comparable time period Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) or Euro London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (Euro LIBOR). Ball performs validations of the company's internally derived fair values reported for the company's financial instruments on a quarterly basis utilizing counterparty valuation statements. The company additionally evaluates counterparty creditworthiness and, as of March 31, 2025, has not identified any circumstances requiring the reported values of the company's financial instruments be adjusted.

The following table provides the effects of derivative instruments in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of earnings:

		Three Months Ended March 31,								
			202	25	2024					
(\$ in millions)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings on Derivatives	H Rec Amo Accu C Comp	sh Flow edge - lassified unt from imulated Other orehensive ngs (Loss)	Gain (Loss) on Derivatives not Designated as Hedge Instruments	Cash Flow Hedge - Reclassified Amount from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)	Gain (Loss) on Derivatives not Designated as Hedge Instruments				
Commodity contracts - manage exposure										
to customer pricing	Net sales	\$	(5)	\$ —	\$ 13	\$ —				
Commodity contracts - manage exposure										
to supplier pricing	Cost of sales		3	—	(14)	3				
Interest rate contracts - manage exposure										
for outstanding debt	Interest expense		—	—	3					
Currency contracts - <i>manage currency</i> exposure	Selling, general and administrative		(28)	(71)	32	27				
Equity contracts	Selling, general and administrative		_	(5)		14				
Total		\$	(30)	\$ (76)	\$ 34	\$ 44				

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss) for derivatives designated as hedges were as follows:

	Т	hree Months <b>E</b>	nded M	ided March 31,						
(\$ in millions)		025		2024						
Amounts reclassified into earnings:										
Commodity contracts	\$	2	\$	1						
Interest rate contracts		_		(3)						
Currency exchange contracts		28		(32)						
Change in fair value of hedges:										
Commodity contracts		_		1						
Interest rate contracts		(4)		12						
Currency exchange contracts		(28)		29						
Net investment contracts		(30)								
Currency and tax impacts		7		(3)						
	\$	(25)	\$	5						

#### 21. Contingencies

Ball is subject to numerous lawsuits, claims or proceedings arising out of the ordinary course of business, including actions related to product liability; personal injury; the use and performance of company products; warranty matters; patent, trademark or other intellectual property infringement; contractual liability; the conduct of the company's business; tax reporting in domestic and non-U.S. jurisdictions; workplace safety and environmental and other matters. The company has also been identified as a potentially responsible party (PRP) at several waste disposal sites under U.S. federal and related state environmental statutes and regulations and may have joint and several liability for any investigation and remediation costs incurred with respect to such sites. In addition, the company has received claims alleging that employees in certain plants have suffered damages due to exposure to alleged workplace hazards. Some of these lawsuits, claims and proceedings involve substantial amounts, including as described below, and some of the environmental proceedings involve potential monetary costs or sanctions that may be material. Ball has denied liability with respect to many of these lawsuits, claims and proceedings and is vigorously defending such lawsuits, claims and proceedings. The company estimates to cover the costs associated with a judgment against Ball with respect to these lawsuits, claims and proceedings. The company estimates that potential liabilities for all currently known and estimable environmental matters are approximately \$25 million in the aggregate, and such amounts have been included in other current liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities at March 31, 2025. Based on the information available at the present time, any reasonably possible loss that may be incurred in excess of the recorded accruals cannot be estimated.

On February 1, 2012, Ball Metal Beverage Container Corp. ("BMBCC") filed suit against Crown Technology Holding, Inc. ("Crown") in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio seeking a declaratory judgment that the CDL beverage can end made and sold by BMBCC did not infringe certain U.S. patents held by Crown. In response, Crown filed a counterclaim alleging that the CDL ends made and sold by BMBCC infringed the subject patents and seeking damages. On September 25, 2019, the District Court granted BMBCC's motion for summary judgment holding that the patents at issue were invalid due to indefiniteness. On October 20, 2019, Crown appealed this decision to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ("CAFC"). On December 31, 2020, the CAFC in a non-precedential decision, vacated the decision of the District Court finding that the District Court for further proceedings. On August 2, 2023, the District Court gagain granted summary judgment to Ball finding that patent claims at issue are invalid due to invalidity under the revised analytical framework specified by the CAFC. On August 4, 2023, Crown appealed this decision to the CAFC. Briefing for this appeal concluded on February 20, 2024, oral argument was held on April 11, 2025 and a decision is expected to follow. Based on the information available at the present time, the Company is unable to predict the ultimate outcome of this claim including the amount of any reasonably possible loss and we intend to vigorously defend this matter.

The company's operations in Brazil are involved in various governmental assessments, which have historically mainly related to claims for taxes on the internal transfer of inventory, gross revenue taxes, and indirect tax incentives and deductibility of goodwill. In addition, one of the company's Brazilian subsidiaries received an income tax assessment focused on the disallowance of deductions associated with the acquisition price paid to a third party for a portion of its operations. Based on the information available at the present time, the Company is unable to predict the ultimate outcome of these claims including the amount of reasonably possible loss and intends to vigorously defend these matters.

#### 22. Indemnifications and Guarantees

#### General Guarantees

The company or its appropriate consolidated direct or indirect subsidiaries have made certain indemnities, commitments and guarantees under which the specified entity may be required to make payments in relation to certain transactions. These indemnities, commitments and guarantees are in contracts to which the company or its subsidiaries are a party, including agreements with customers of the subsidiaries in connection with the sales of their packaging products and services; guarantees to suppliers of subsidiaries of the company guaranteeing the performance of the respective entity under a purchase agreement, construction contract, renewable energy purchase contract or other commitment; guarantees in respect of certain non-U.S. subsidiaries' pension plans; indemnities for liabilities associated with the infringement of third-party patents, trademarks or copyrights under various types of agreements; indemnities to various lessors in

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connection with facility, equipment, furniture and other personal property leases for certain claims arising from such leases; indemnities pursuant to agreements relating to certain joint ventures; indemnities in connection with the sale of businesses or substantially all of the assets and specified liabilities of businesses; and indemnities to directors, officers and employees of the company to the extent permitted under the laws of the State of Indiana and the United States of America. The duration of these indemnities, commitments and guarantees varies and, in certain cases, is indefinite.

In addition, many of these indemnities, commitments and guarantees do not provide for any limitation on the maximum potential future payments the company could be obligated to make. As such, the company is unable to reasonably estimate its potential exposure under these items.

The company has not recorded any material liabilities for these indemnities, commitments and guarantees in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. The company does, however, accrue for payments under promissory notes and other evidences of incurred indebtedness and for losses for any known contingent liability, including those that may arise from indemnifications, commitments and guarantees, when future payment is both reasonably estimable and probable. Finally, the company carries specific and general liability insurance policies and has obtained indemnities, commitments and guarantees from third-party purchasers, sellers and other contracting parties, which the company believes would, in certain circumstances, provide recourse to certain claims arising from these indemnifications, commitments and guarantees.

#### Debt Guarantees

The company's and its subsidiaries' obligations under the senior notes and senior credit facilities (or, in the case of U.S. domiciled non-U.S. subsidiaries under the senior credit facilities, the obligations of non-U.S. credit parties only) are guaranteed on a full, unconditional and joint and several basis by certain of the company's domestic subsidiaries and the domestic subsidiary borrowers, and obligations of other guarantors and the subsidiary borrowers under the senior credit facilities are guaranteed by the company, in each case with certain exceptions. These guarantees are required in support of the senior notes and senior credit facilities referred to above, are coterminous with the terms of the respective note indentures, senior notes and credit agreement, and they could be enforced by the holders of the obligations thereunder during the continuation of an event of default under the note indentures, the senior notes and/or the credit agreement. The maximum potential amounts which could be required to be paid under such guarantees are essentially equal to then-outstanding obligations under the respective senior notes or the credit agreement (or, in the case of U.S. domiciled non-U.S. subsidiaries under the senior credit facilities, the obligations of non-U.S. credit parties only), with certain exceptions. All obligations under the guarantees of the senior credit facilities are secured, with certain exceptions, by a valid first priority perfected lien or pledge on (i) 100 percent of the capital stock of each of the company's material wholly owned domestic subsidiaries directly owned by the company or any of its wholly owned domestic subsidiaries and (ii) 65 percent of the capital stock of each of the company's material wholly owned first-tier non-U.S. subsidiaries directly owned by the company or any of its wholly owned domestic subsidiaries. In addition, the obligations of certain non-U.S. borrowers and non-U.S. pledgors under the loan documents will be secured, with certain exceptions, by a valid first priority perfected lien or pledge on 100 percent of the capital stock of certain of the company's material wholly owned non-U.S. subsidiaries and material wholly owned U.S. domiciled non-U.S. subsidiaries directly owned by the company or any of its wholly owned material subsidiaries. The company is not in default under the above-referenced senior notes or senior credit facilities.

# Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements (consolidated financial statements) and accompanying notes included in <u>Item 1</u> of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which include additional information about our accounting policies, practices and the transactions underlying our financial results. The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes, including various claims and contingencies related to lawsuits, taxes, environmental and other matters arising during the normal course of business. We apply our best judgment, our knowledge of existing facts and circumstances and actions that we may undertake in the future in determining the estimates that affect our consolidated financial statements. We evaluate our estimates on an ongoing basis using our historical experience, as well as other factors we believe appropriate under the circumstances, such as current economic conditions, and adjust or revise our estimates as circumstances change. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual results may differ from these estimates. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries are referred to collectively as "Ball Corporation," "Ball," "the company," "we" or "our" in the following discussion and analysis.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### Business Overview and Industry Trends

Ball Corporation is one of the world's leading aluminum packaging suppliers. With a growth mindset and by pursuing operational excellence, we lean on our competitive strengths to reach our financial goals. We are focused on maintaining our strong financial position by listening to and partnering with our global customers, delivering operational efficiencies and an innovative product portfolio from our best-in-class manufacturing facilities and returning value to shareholders via share repurchases and dividends. In the aluminum packaging industry, sales and earnings can be increased by reducing costs, increasing prices, developing new products, expanding volume and making strategic acquisitions.

We sell our aluminum packaging products mainly to large, multinational beverage, personal care and household products companies with which we have developed long-term relationships. This is evidenced by our high customer retention and our large number of long-term supply contracts. While we have a diversified customer base, we sell a significant portion of our packaging products to major companies and brands, as well as to numerous regional customers. The overall global aluminum packaging industry is growing and is expected to continue to grow in the medium to long term.

We purchase our raw materials from relatively few suppliers. We also have exposure to inflation, in particular the rising costs of raw materials, as well as other direct cost inputs. We mitigate our exposure to the changes in the costs of aluminum through the inclusion of provisions in contracts covering the majority of our volume to pass-through aluminum price changes, as well as through the use of derivative instruments. The pass-through provisions generally result in proportional increases or decreases in sales and costs with a greatly reduced impact, if any, on net earnings; however, there may be timing differences of when the costs are passed through. Because of our customer and supplier concentration, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected by the loss, insolvency or bankruptcy of a major customer or supplier or a change in a supply agreement with a major customer or supplier, although our contract provisions generally mitigate the risk of customer loss, and our long-term relationships represent a known, stable customer base.

From time to time, we have evaluated and expect to continue to evaluate possible transactions that we believe will benefit the company and our shareholders, which may include strategic acquisitions, divestitures of parts of our company or equity investments. At any time, we may be engaged in discussions or negotiations at various stages of development with respect to one or more possible transactions or may have entered into non-binding letters of intent. As part of any such initiatives, we may participate in processes being run by other companies or leading our own activities.

# **RESULTS OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS**

Management's discussion and analysis for our results of operations on a consolidated and segment basis include a quantification of factors that had a material impact. Other factors that did not have a material impact, but that are significant to understand the results, are qualitatively described.

#### **Global Economic Environment**

Recent data has indicated that the rate of inflation is slowing in the majority of regions where we operate. That said, current and future inflationary effects may continue to be impacted by, among other things, supply chain disruptions, governmental stimulus or fiscal and monetary policies, changes in interest rates, tariffs, and changing demand for certain goods and services. There is currently significant uncertainty as to the extent and duration of tariffs and the associated impacts on inflation. Furthermore, we cannot predict with any certainty the impact that interest rates, a global or any regional recession, tariffs, or higher inflation may have on our customers or suppliers. Additionally, we are unable to predict the potential effects that any future pandemic, hyperinflation in Argentina and Egypt, or the continuation or escalation of global conflicts, including the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the instability in the Middle East and Myanmar, and related sanctions or market disruptions, may have on our business. It remains uncertain how long any of these conditions may last or how severe any of them may become.

# Consolidated Sales and Earnings

	 Three Months	ree Months Ended March 31,				
(\$ in millions)	 2025		2024			
Net sales	\$ 3,097	\$	2,874			
Net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation	179		3,685			
Net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation as a % of net sales	6 %	6	128 %			

Sales in the three months ended March 31, 2025, increased \$223 million compared to the same period in 2024 primarily due to increases of \$150 million from price/mix, mainly from higher aluminum prices, and \$117 million from higher volume.

Net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation for the three months ended March 31, 2025, decreased \$3.51 billion compared to the same period in 2024 primarily due to decreases of \$3.61 billion from lower discontinued operations, net of tax, and \$26 million from a higher provision for income taxes, partially offset by increases of \$79 million from lower incremental compensation cost from the successful sale of the aerospace business incurred in 2024, \$28 million from the results of the reportable segments discussed below and \$23 million from lower interest expense.

When analyzing net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation as a percentage of net sales, it is important to note that net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation in 2024 includes discontinued operations, net of tax resulting from the net sales attributable to the historical aerospace reportable segment through the date of the divestiture on February 16, 2024, that are reported as discontinued operations. However, net sales attributable to the historical aerospace reportable segment are not included in the 2024 net sales figure in the table above.

#### Cost of Sales (Excluding Depreciation and Amortization)

Cost of sales, excluding depreciation and amortization, was \$2,493 million and \$2,283 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts represented 80 percent and 79 percent of consolidated net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to higher aluminum costs of \$179 million, and other items discussed in the reportable segment sections below.

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$150 million and \$158 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts represented 5 percent of consolidated net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024. The decrease in expense compared to the same period in 2024 was primarily due to lower amortization expense.

# Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative was \$149 million and \$237 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These amounts represented 5 percent and 8 percent of consolidated net sales for the three months

ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The decrease for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to decreased compensation costs of \$71 million, which in 2024 included incremental cash bonuses and stock-based compensation cost from the successful sale of the aerospace business.

#### Business Consolidation and Other Activities

Business consolidation and other activities resulted in charges of \$13 million and \$26 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The 2025 amount includes a loss related to the aluminum cups business transaction and costs for previously announced facility closures. The 2024 amount primarily included facility shutdown costs. Further details regarding business consolidation and other activities are provided in <u>Note 6</u>.

#### Interest Income

Interest income was \$7 million and \$26 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The decrease in interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to the higher amount of cash on hand in 2024 from the sale of the aerospace business.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$70 million and \$93 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Interest expense as a percentage of average borrowings decreased by approximately 80 basis points from 5.2 percent for the three months ended March 31, 2024, to 4.4 percent for the three months ended March 31, 2025. The interest expense decrease for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily driven by decreases of \$13 million from lower weighted average interest rates on outstanding debt during the year and \$10 million from a lower amount of weighted average principal outstanding during the year.

#### Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was 23.1 percent, compared to 26.7 percent for the same period in 2024. The decrease of 3.6 percentage points for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to increased tax benefits from U.S. permanent differences as well as non-U.S. rate differences and withholding taxes net of credits. This was partially offset by the effects of state and local taxes. Similar impacts may occur in future periods, but given their inherent uncertainty, the company is unable to reasonably estimate their potential future impacts.

#### **RESULTS OF BUSINESS SEGMENTS**

#### Segment Results

Ball's operations are organized and reviewed by management along its product lines and geographical areas, and its operating results are presented in the three reportable segments discussed below.

#### Beverage Packaging, North and Central America

	T	Three Months Ended March 31,					
(\$ in millions)	20	25		2024			
Net sales	\$	1,463	\$	1,403			
Comparable operating earnings		195		192			
Comparable operating earnings as a % of segment net sales		13 %	, D	14 %			

Ball permanently ceased production at its aluminum beverage can manufacturing facility in Kent, Washington in the first quarter of 2024 and acquired an aluminum beverage can manufacturing facility in Winter Haven, Florida in the first quarter of 2025 as part of its acquisition of Florida Can Manufacturing. See <u>Note 4</u> for further details on the acquisition.

Segment sales for the three months ended March 31, 2025, were \$60 million higher compared to the same period in 2024. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to increases of \$48 million from price/mix, mainly from higher aluminum prices, and \$12 million from higher volume.

Comparable operating earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2025, were \$3 million higher compared to the same period in 2024. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to increases mainly from higher volume.

Beverage Packaging, EMEA

		Three Months Ended March 31,					
<u>(\$ in millions)</u>	2	2025		2024			
Net sales	\$	903	\$	810			
Comparable operating earnings		96		85			
Comparable operating earnings as a % of segment net sales		11 %		10 %			

Segment sales for the three months ended March 31, 2025, were \$93 million higher compared to the same period in 2024. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to increases of \$69 million from higher volume and \$57 million from price/mix, mainly from higher aluminum prices, partially offset by a decrease of \$33 million from currency translation.

Comparable operating earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2025, were \$11 million higher compared to the same period in 2024. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to an increase of \$11 million from higher volume.

Beverage Packaging, South America

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
(\$ in millions)	2	.025		2024	
Net sales	\$	544	\$		482
Comparable operating earnings		69			55
Comparable operating earnings as a % of segment net sales		13 %	•		11 %

Segment sales for the three months ended March 31, 2025, were \$62 million higher compared to the same period in 2024. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to increases of \$35 million from price/mix, mainly from higher aluminum prices, and \$27 million from higher volume.

Comparable operating earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2025, were \$14 million higher compared to the same period in 2024. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was primarily due to increases of \$11 million from price/mix and \$10 million from higher volume.

### Management Performance Measures

Management internally uses various measures to evaluate company financial performance such as comparable operating earnings (earnings before interest expense, taxes and business consolidation and other non-comparable items); comparable net earnings (net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation before business consolidation and other non-comparable items); comparable net earnings (net earnings per share (comparable net earnings divided by diluted weighted average shares outstanding); return on average invested capital (net operating earnings after tax over the relevant performance period divided by average invested capital over the same period); economic value added (EVA®) dollars (net operating earnings after tax less a capital charge on average invested capital employed); earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA); and diluted earnings per share. In addition, management uses operating cash flows, free cash flow (cash flows from operating activities less capital expenditures; and, it may be adjusted for additional items that affect comparability between periods) and adjusted free cash flow (free cash flow adjusted for payments made for income tax liabilities related to the aerospace disposition and other material dispositions) as measures to evaluate the company's liquidity. We believe this information is also useful to investors as it provides insight into the earnings and cash flow criteria that management uses to make strategic decisions. These financial measures may be adjusted at times for items that affect comparability between periods, including business consolidation and cash flow criteria that management uses to make strategic decisions.

Nonfinancial measures used in the packaging businesses include production efficiency and spoilage rates; quality control figures; environmental, health and safety statistics; production and sales volume data; asset utilization rates and measures of sustainability. References to sales volume data represent units shipped.

Many of the above noted financial measurements are presented on a non-U.S. GAAP basis and should be considered in connection with the consolidated financial statements included within <u>Item 1</u> of this report. Non-U.S. GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation and should not be considered superior to, or a substitute for, financial measures calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. A presentation of earnings in accordance with U.S. GAAP is available in <u>Item 1</u> of this report.

# NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

For information regarding recent accounting pronouncements, see <u>Note 2</u> to the consolidated financial statements included within <u>Item 1</u> of this report on Form 10-Q.

# FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### Cash Flows and Capital Expenditures

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash provided by operating activities and external borrowings. We believe that cash flows from operating activities and cash provided by short-term, long-term and committed revolver borrowings, when necessary, will be sufficient to meet our ongoing operating requirements, scheduled principal and interest payments on debt, dividend payments, anticipated share repurchases and anticipated capital expenditures. We have limited near-term debt maturities and our senior credit facilities are in place until 2027. The following table summarizes our cash flows:

		Three Months Ended March 31,					
(\$ in millions)		2025		2024			
Cash flame married day (and in) an articles a sticities	¢	((f))	¢	(1.247)			
Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	Э	(665)	\$	(1,247)			
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities		(207)		5,292			
Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities		396		(2,978)			

Cash flows from the historical aerospace reportable segment are presented within each cash flow statement category in the consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2024. Depreciation and amortization, capital expenditures and significant operating and investing noncash items of the aerospace discontinued operation are presented in <u>Note 4</u>.

Cash flows used in operating activities were \$665 million in 2025, primarily driven by working capital outflows of \$887 million, partially offset by earnings from continuing operations of \$181 million and a reconciling adjustment to operating cash flows of \$150 million for depreciation and amortization. On February 16, 2024, the company completed the sale of the aerospace business. We currently estimate a total cash tax of \$875 million for the sale of the aerospace business, of which \$766 million was paid in 2024, with the remainder to be paid in 2025. See Note 4 for further details. In a dynamic economic environment, payment terms with our customers and vendors become a more important element of total mix of information used to negotiate our contract terms. At March 31, 2025, days sales outstanding, net of factored receivables, was 77 days and a change of one day in days sales outstanding was 112 days and a change of one day in days payable outstanding was 112 days and a change of one day in days payable outstanding was 112 days and a change of one day in days 59 days and a change of one day in days inventory on hand will impact cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities by \$28 million. At March 31, 2025, days million.

Cash flows used in investing activities were \$207 million in 2025, primarily driven by \$160 million of cash consideration used for the acquisition of Florida Can Manufacturing and capital expenditures of \$81 million. See <u>Note 4</u> for further details on the acquisition.

Cash flows provided by financing activities were \$396 million in 2025, primarily driven by a net inflow from long-term and short-term borrowings of \$1.01 billion, partially offset by repurchases of common stock of \$555 million and dividends of \$57 million. See <u>Note 15</u> for further details on the company's borrowings and additional amounts available.



We have entered into several regional accounts receivable factoring programs with various financial institutions for certain of our accounts receivable. The programs are accounted for as true sales of the receivables, with limited recourse to Ball, and had combined limits of approximately \$1.64 billion and \$1.60 billion at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. A total of \$472 million and \$428 million were available for sale under these programs as of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. The company has recorded expense related to its factoring programs of \$10 million and \$13 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, and 2024, respectively, and has presented these amounts in selling, general and administrative in its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

The amount of obligations outstanding that the company confirmed as valid to the financial institutions under the company's regional supplier finance programs was \$433 million and \$423 million at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively. These amounts are classified within accounts payable on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, and the associated payments are reflected in the cash flows from operating activities section of the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Contributions to the company's defined benefit pension plans were \$7 million in the first three months of 2025 compared to \$10 million in the same period of 2024, and such contributions are expected to be approximately \$32 million for the full year of 2025. This estimate may change based on changes in the Pension Protection Act, actual plan asset performance and available company cash flow, among other factors.

The company expects that 2025 capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment will likely be in the range of \$600 million. Approximately \$276 million of capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment were contractually committed as of March 31, 2025, and the company intends to return approximately \$220 million to shareholders in the form of dividends for the full year 2025, inclusive of the cash dividend of 20 cents per share, payable June 16, 2025, to shareholders of record as of June 2, 2025.

As of March 31, 2025, approximately \$440 million of our cash was held outside of the U.S. In the event that we would need to utilize any of the cash held outside of the U.S. for purposes within the U.S., there are no material legal or other economic restrictions regarding the repatriation of cash from any of the countries outside the U.S. where we have cash. The company believes its U.S. operating cash flows and cash on hand, as well as availability under its long-term, revolving credit facilities, uncommitted short-term credit facilities and accounts receivable factoring programs, will be sufficient to meet the cash requirements of the U.S. portion of our ongoing operations, scheduled principal and interest payments on U.S. debt, dividend payments, capital expenditures and other U.S. cash requirements. If non-U.S. funds are needed for our U.S. cash requirements and we are unable to provide the funds through intercompany financing arrangements, we may be required to repatriate funds from non-U.S. locations where the company has previously asserted indefinite reinvestment of funds outside the U.S.

Based on its indefinite reinvestment assertion, the company has not provided deferred taxes on earnings in certain non-U.S. subsidiaries because such earnings are intended to be indefinitely reinvested in its international operations. It is not practical to estimate the additional taxes that might become payable if these earnings were remitted to the U.S.

#### Share Repurchases

The company's share repurchases totaled \$555 million during the three months ended March 31, 2025, compared to \$182 million of repurchases during the same period of 2024. The repurchases were completed using cash on hand, cash provided by operating activities, proceeds from the sale of businesses and available borrowings. The company plans to continue capital return to shareholders via an estimated \$1.3 billion in share repurchases in 2025.

On January 29, 2025, the Board of Directors approved the repurchase by the company of up to \$4.00 billion in shares of its common stock. This repurchase authorization replaced all previous authorizations. At March 31, 2025, \$3.67 billion remains available to be repurchased.

# Debt Facilities and Other Activities

Given our cash flow projections and unused credit facilities that are available until June 2027, our liquidity is expected to meet our ongoing cash and debt service requirements. Total interest-bearing debt of \$6.75 billion and \$5.69 billion was outstanding at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, respectively.

The company's senior credit facilities include a \$1.35 billion term loan and long-term, multi-currency revolving facilities that mature in June 2027, which provide the company with up to the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$1.75 billion. At March 31, 2025, approximately \$674 million was available under the company's long-term, multi-currency committed revolving credit facilities. In addition to these facilities, the company had \$86 million of committed short-term loans outstanding. The company also had approximately \$988 million of short-term uncommitted credit facilities available at March 31, 2025, of which \$50 million was outstanding and due on demand. At December 31, 2024, the company had \$109 million of committed short-term loans outstanding, a \$24 million short-term finance lease outstanding and \$37 million outstanding under short-term uncommitted credit facilities.

While ongoing financial and economic conditions in certain areas may raise concerns about credit risk with counterparties to derivative transactions, the company mitigates its exposure by allocating the risk among various counterparties and limiting exposure to any one party. We also monitor the credit ratings of our suppliers, customers, lenders and counterparties on a regular basis.

We were in compliance with the leverage ratio requirement at March 31, 2025, and for all prior periods presented, and have met all debt payment obligations. The U.S. note agreements and bank credit agreement contain certain restrictions relating to dividend payments, share repurchases, investments, financial ratios, guarantees and the incurrence of additional indebtedness. The most restrictive of our debt covenants requires us to maintain a leverage ratio (as defined) of no greater than 5.0 times, which will change to 4.5 times as of September 30, 2025. As of March 31, 2025, the company could borrow an additional \$1.32 billion under its long-term multi-currency committed revolving facilities and short-term uncommitted credit facilities. Additional details about our debt are available in <u>Note 15</u> accompanying the consolidated financial statements within <u>Item 1</u> of this report. In 2024, we entered into and designated net investment hedges against the net assets of our euro denominated operations. See <u>Note 20</u> for further details.

#### Saudi Arabia

In November 2024, the company entered into an agreement to sell 41 percent of its share in Ball United Arab Can Manufacturing Company, which will trigger deconsolidation upon closing of the transaction. See <u>Note 4</u> for further details.

# CONTINGENCIES, INDEMNIFICATIONS AND GUARANTEES

Details of the company's contingencies, legal proceedings, indemnifications and guarantees are available in <u>Note 21</u> and <u>Note 22</u> accompanying the consolidated financial statements within <u>Item 1</u> of this report. The company is routinely subject to litigation incidental to operating its businesses and has been designated by various federal, state, and international environmental agencies as a potentially responsible party, along with numerous other companies, for the clean-up of several hazardous waste sites.

#### **Guaranteed Securities**

The company's senior notes are guaranteed on a full and unconditional, joint and several basis by the issuer of the company's senior notes and the subsidiaries that guarantee the notes (the obligor group). The entities that comprise the obligor group are 100 percent owned by the company. As described in the supplemental indentures governing the company's existing senior notes, the senior notes are guaranteed by any of the company's domestic subsidiaries that guarantee any other indebtedness of the company.

The following summarized financial information relates to the obligor group as of March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024. Intercompany transactions, equity investments and other intercompany activity between obligor group subsidiaries have been eliminated from the summarized financial information. Investments in subsidiaries not forming part of the obligor group have also been eliminated.



(\$ in millions)	Т	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
		March 31, 2025		December 31, 2024	
Net sales	\$	1,734	\$	6,708	
Gross profit (a)		218		807	
Net earnings		121		3,824	
Net earnings attributable to Ball Corporation		121		3,824	

(a) Gross profit is shown after depreciation and amortization related to cost of sales of \$44 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, and \$189 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

(\$ in millions)	March 31, 2025		December 31, 2024	
Current assets	\$ 2,0	008 \$	2,144	
Noncurrent assets	14,9	907	14,698	
Current liabilities	4,0	036	4,096	
Noncurrent liabilities	9,2	206	8,415	

Included in the amounts disclosed in the table above, at March 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, the obligor group held receivables due from other subsidiary companies of \$462 million and \$440 million, respectively, long-term notes receivable due from other subsidiary companies of \$10.34 billion and \$10.03 billion, respectively, payables due to other subsidiary companies of \$1.81 billion and \$1.79 billion, respectively, and long-term notes payable due to other subsidiary companies of \$2.24 billion and \$2.20 billion, respectively.

For the three months ended March 31, 2025, and the year ended December 31, 2024, the obligor group recorded the following transactions with other subsidiary companies: sales to them of \$313 million and \$1.23 billion, respectively, net credits from them of \$16 million and \$75 million, respectively, and net interest income from them of \$77 million and \$336 million, respectively. The obligor group received dividends from other subsidiary companies of \$54 million during the year ended December 31, 2024.

A description of the terms and conditions of the company's debt guarantees is located in Note 22 of Item 1 of this report.

# Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The company employs established risk management policies and procedures which seek to reduce the company's commercial risk exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices, interest rates, currency exchange rates, net investments in foreign operations and prices of the company's common stock with regard to common share repurchases and the company's deferred compensation stock plan. However, there can be no assurance that these policies and procedures will be successful. Although the instruments utilized involve varying degrees of credit, market and interest risk, the counterparties to the agreements are expected to perform fully under the terms of the agreements. The company monitors counterparty credit risk, including lenders, on a regular basis, but Ball cannot be certain that all risks will be discerned or that its risk management policies and procedures will always be effective. Additionally, in the event of default under the company's master derivative agreements, the non-defaulting party has the option to set off any amounts owed with regard to open derivative positions. Further details are available in Item 7A within Ball's 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 20, 2025, and in <u>Note 20</u> accompanying the consolidated financial statements included within <u>Item 1</u> of this report.

## Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Our chief executive officer and chief financial officer participated in management's evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as of the end of the period covered by this report and concluded that our controls and procedures were effective. There were no changes to internal controls during the company's first quarter of 2025 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains "forward-looking" statements concerning future events and financial performance. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "will," "believe," "likely," "continue," "goal" and similar expressions typically identify forward looking statements, which are generally any statements other than statements of historical fact. For example, the forward-looking statements in this Form 10-Q include statements relating to our plans, expectations and intentions. Such statements are based on current expectations or views of the future and are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied. You should therefore not place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, and they should be read in conjunction with, and qualified in their entirety by, the cautionary statements referenced below. Ball undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Key factors, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual outcomes and results to be different are summarized in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Exhibit 99 in Ball's Form 10-K, which are available on Ball's website and at www.sec.gov. Additional factors that might affect: a) Ball's packaging segments include product capacity, supply, and demand constraints and fluctuations and changes in consumption patterns; availability/cost of raw materials, equipment, and logistics; competitive packaging, pricing and substitution; changes in climate and weather and related events such as drought, wildfires, storms, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods; footprint adjustments and other manufacturing changes, including the opening and closing of facilities and lines; failure to achieve synergies, productivity improvements or cost reductions; unfavorable mandatory deposit or packaging laws; customer and supplier consolidation; power and supply chain interruptions; changes in major customer or supplier contracts or loss of a major customer or supplier; inability to passthrough increased costs; war, political instability and sanctions, including relating to the situation in Russia and Ukraine and its impact on Ball's supply chain and its ability to operate in Europe, the Middle East and Africa regions generally; changes in foreign exchange or tax rates; and tariffs, trade actions, or other governmental actions, including business restrictions and orders affecting goods produced by Ball or in its supply chain, including imported raw materials; and b) Ball as a whole include those listed above plus: the extent to which sustainability-related opportunities arise and can be capitalized upon; changes in senior management, succession, and the ability to attract and retain skilled labor; regulatory actions or issues including those related to tax, environmental, social and governance reporting, competition, environmental, health and workplace safety, including U.S. Federal Drug Administration and other actions or public concerns affecting products filled in Ball's containers, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process; technological developments and innovations; the ability to manage cyber threats; litigation; strikes; disease; pandemic; labor cost changes; inflation; rates of return on assets of Ball's defined benefit retirement plans; pension changes; uncertainties surrounding geopolitical events and governmental policies; reduced cash flow; interest rates affecting Ball's debt; successful or unsuccessful joint ventures, acquisitions and divestitures, and their effects on Ball's operating results and business generally.

# PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There were no events required to be reported under <u>Item 1</u> for the three months ended March 31, 2025, except as discussed in <u>Note 21</u> to the consolidated financial statements included within Part I, Item 1 of this report.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

There were no changes required to be reported under Item 1A for the three months ended March 31, 2025.

### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table summarizes the company's repurchases of its common stock during the first quarter of 2025.

Purchases of Securities								
	Total Number of Shares Purchased (a)	Average Price Paid per Share		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (a)	Maximum Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under <u>the Plans or Programs (b)</u>			
January 1 to January 31, 2025	4,855,000	\$	55.15	4,855,000	\$	3,964,369,817		
February 1 to February 28, 2025	3,922,686		51.54	3,922,686		3,764,085,064		
March 1 to March 31, 2025	1,715,985		52.66	1,715,985		3,674,700,817		
Total	10,493,671			10,493,671				

(a) Includes any open market purchases (on a trade-date basis), share repurchase agreements and/or shares retained by the company to settle employee withholding tax liabilities.

(b) The company has an ongoing repurchase program for which shares are authorized from time to time by Ball's Board of Directors. On January 29, 2025, the Board approved the repurchase by the company of up to \$4.00 billion in shares of its common stock. This repurchase authorization replaced all previous authorizations.

### Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

There were no events required to be reported under Item 3 for the three months ended March 31, 2025.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

### Item 5. Other Information

There were no events required to be reported under Item 5 for the three months ended March 31, 2025.

#### Item 6. Exhibits

- 2.1 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 16, 2023, by and among Ball Corporation, BAE Systems, Inc., and, solely for the purposes set forth therein, BAE Systems plc. (filed by incorporation by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2024) filed October 31, 2024.
- 3(ii) Bylaws of Ball Corporation as amended, filed herewith.
- 22 Obligor group subsidiaries of Ball Corporation
- 31.1 <u>Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) by Daniel W. Fisher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ball Corporation.</u>
- 31.2 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) by Howard H. Yu, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ball Corporation.
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code by Daniel W. Fisher, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ball Corporation.
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code by Howard H. Yu, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ball Corporation.
- 99 <u>Cautionary statement for purposes of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended.</u>
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
- 101.SCH Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definitions Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
  - 104 The cover page of the company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, formatted in Inline XBRL (contained in Exhibit 101), the: (i) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Earnings, (ii) Unaudited Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Earnings (Loss), (iii) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, (iv) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and (v) Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Ball Corporation (Registrant)

By: /s/ Howard H. Yu

Howard H. Yu Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2025

# OBLIGOR GROUP SUBSIDIARIES OF BALL CORPORATION March 31, 2025

# The following is a list of Obligor Group subsidiaries of Ball Corporation (an Indiana Corporation)

Name	State or Country of Incorporation or Organization	Percentage Ownership Direct & Indirect
Ball Advanced Aluminum Technologies Corp. (f/k/a Neuman USA Ltd.)	Delaware	100%
Ball Asia Services Limited	Delaware	100%
Ball Beverage Can Americas Inc. (f/k/a Rexam Beverage Can Americas Inc.)	Delaware	100%
Ball BP Holding Company (f/k/a Rexam BP Holding Company)	Delaware	100%
Ball Container LLC	Delaware	100%
Ball Corporation	Indiana	100%
Ball Glass Containers, Inc.	Delaware	100%
Ball Holdings LLC	Delaware	100%
Ball Inc. (f/k/a Rexam Inc.)	Delaware	100%
Ball Metal Beverage Container Corp.	Colorado	100%
Ball Metal Container Corporation	Indiana	100%
Ball Packaging, LLC (f/k/a Ball Packaging Corp., f/k/a Ball Packaging Holdings Corp.)	Colorado	100%
Ball Pan-European Holdings, LLC (f/k/a Ball Pan-European Holdings, Inc.)	Delaware	100%
Latas De Aluminio Ball, Inc.	Delaware	100%
Rexam Beverage Can Company	Delaware	100%
USC May Verpackungen Holding Inc.	Delaware	100%

#### Certification

I, Dan W. Fisher, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Ball Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2025

/s/ Dan W. Fisher Dan W. Fisher Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

#### Certification

I, Howard H. Yu, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Ball Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2025

/s/ Howard H. Yu Howard H. Yu Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b)

My name is Dan W. Fisher and I am the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ball Corporation (the "Company").

I hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes—Oxley Act of 2002 that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2025 ("Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of the operations of Ball Corporation as of, and for, the periods presented in the Report.

/s/ Dan W. Fisher Dan W. Fisher Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ball Corporation

Date: May 6, 2025

This certification, which accompanies the Form 10-Q to which it relates, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (whether made before or after the date of the Form 10-K), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

#### Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b)

My name is Howard H. Yu and I am the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ball Corporation (the "Company").

I hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes—Oxley Act of 2002 that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2025 ("Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of the operations of Ball Corporation as of, and for, the periods presented in the Report.

/s/ Howard H. Yu Howard H. Yu Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Ball Corporation

Date: May 6, 2025

This certification, which accompanies the Form 10-Q to which it relates, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (whether made before or after the date of the Form 10-K), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

### SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

In connection with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Reform Act), Ball is hereby filing cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause Ball's actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of Ball. Forward-looking statements may be made in several different contexts; for example, in the company's Form 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), quarterly and annual earnings news releases, quarterly earnings conference calls hosted by the company, public presentations at investor and credit conferences, the company's Annual Report and in other periodic communications with investors. As time passes, the relevance and accuracy of forward-looking statements may change, however, except as required by law, the company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. You are advised to consult any further disclosures and cautionary statements Ball makes on related subjects in our Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K reports and other filings with the SEC. The Reform Act defines forward-looking statements as statements that express or imply an expectation or belief and contain a projection, plan or assumption with regard to, among other things, future revenues, income, earnings per share, cash flow or capital structure. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "believes," "targets," "likely," "foresees", "positions" and similar expressions typically identify forward-looking statements, which are generally any statements other than statements of historical fact. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and you should therefore not place undue reliance upon such statements. Rather, these statements involve estimates, assumptions uncertainties and known and unknown risks, many of which are outside our control, and such statements are therefore qualified in their entirety by reference to the following important factors, among others (including those described in any "Risk Factors" section of our most current Form 10-K, 10-Q or other filings with the SEC), that could cause Ball's actual results or performance to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of Ball:

- Fluctuation in customer and consumer growth, spending, demand or preferences, and changes in consumption patterns, both on a seasonal basis and
  those that may be longer-term or structural in nature, including any effect on demand for our products as a result of the enactment of laws and
  programs aimed at discouraging the consumption or altering the package or portion size of certain of our customers' products.
- Customer, competitor or supplier consolidation and potential correspondent supply chain influence.
- Loss of one or more major customers or suppliers or changes to contracts with one or more customers or suppliers.
- Failure to achieve anticipated productivity improvements or cost reductions including those associated with capital expenditures; failure to achieve
  an appropriate or optimal level of maintenance and capital expenditures; and failure to achieve expectations with respect to expansion plans,
  accretion to reported earnings, working capital improvements and investment income or cash flow projections.
- Changes in the environment and in climate, including the increasing frequency of severe weather events such as drought, wildfires, storms, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods; virus and disease outbreaks and responses thereto; acts of war, terrorism or other significant or catastrophic geopolitical events or natural disasters, or the catastrophic loss of one of our key manufacturing or operating facilities.
- Financial risks, including inflation and changes in interest rates affecting our debt or our ability to comply with the terms of our debt instruments; changes in the hedging markets or our inability or failure to economically hedge or insure against certain risks or potential exposures; changes in international currency exchange rates of the currencies in the countries in which the company and its joint ventures carry on business; counterparty risk; liquidity risk; inflation or deflation; and changes in capital availability and our access to financing, including the risk of constraints on financing in the event of a credit rating downgrade.

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- Competition in each line of business, including with respect to pricing and the possible decrease in, or loss of, sales or margins resulting
  therefrom; product development and introductions by our competitors; and technology changes, including the effect on us of technological or
  product advances made by our competitors.
- The ability or inability to achieve and protect technological and product extensions or new technological and product advances in the company's businesses, including our ability to maintain, develop, and capitalize on competitive technologies for the design and manufacture of products and to withstand competitive and legal challenges to the proprietary nature of such technology (or protect any unpatented proprietary know-how and trade secrets).
- Ball's ability or inability adapt to fluctuating supply and demand and to have available sufficient production capacity, or have such capacity available in the right locations, in a timely manner, as well as footprint adjustments and other manufacturing changes.
- Overcapacity or undercapacity of Ball or in the metal container industry generally, and its potential impact on costs, pricing and financial results.
- Regulatory action or issues, or changes in federal, state, local or international laws, including those related to tax, environmental, health and
  workplace safety, including in respect of climate change, pollution, environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting, greenhouse gas
  emissions, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process, particularly concerning Bisphenol-A (BPA), a
  chemical used in the manufacture of epoxy coatings applied to many types of containers (including certain of those products produced by the
  company), as well as laws relating to recycling, unfavorable mandatory deposit or packaging legislation, or to the effects on health of ingredients
  or substances in, or attributes of, certain of our customers' products.
- The effect of any antitrust, intellectual property, consumer, employee or other litigation, investigations or governmental proceedings.
- The extent to which sustainability-related opportunities arise and can be capitalized upon.
- The availability and cost of raw materials, commodities, supplies, energy, logistics and natural resources needed for the production of metal containers, supply chain disruptions, widespread ocean and shipping constraints, and our ability or inability to pass on to customers changes in freight and raw material costs, particularly aluminum.
- Changes in senior management; strikes and other labor issues; increases and trends in various employee benefits and labor costs, including pension, medical and health care costs incurred in the countries in which Ball has operations; the ability to attract and retain skilled labor; rates of return projected and earned on assets and discount rates used to measure future obligations and expenses of the company's defined benefit retirement plans; and changes in the company's pension plans.
- International business and market risks and economic conditions; political and economic instability in various markets, including periodic sell-offs
  on global or regional debt or equity markets; restrictive trade practices of national governments; the imposition of duties, trade actions, taxes or
  other government charges by national governments; exchange controls; trade sanctions; and ongoing uncertainties and other effects surrounding
  geopolitical events and governmental policies and actions, both in the U.S. and in other countries.

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- Undertaking successful or unsuccessful acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures or strategic realignments; and the effect of acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures or strategic realignments on our business relationships, operating results and business generally.
- The company's ability to protect its information technology network, systems and data and those of its customers and suppliers from attacks or catastrophic failure, and the strength of the company's cyber-security.
- The timing and extent of regulation or deregulation, or changes to regulations and standards, including changes in generally accepted accounting principles or their interpretation.
- Changes to unaudited results due to statutory audits of our financial statements or management's evaluation of the company's internal controls over financial reporting.
- Loss contingencies related to income and other tax matters, including those arising from audits performed by national and local tax authorities.

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## Bylaws of Ball Corporation (As of April 30, 2025)

## Article 1 Capital Stock

**Section A. Classes of Stock.** The capital stock of the corporation shall consist of shares of such kinds and classes, with such designations and such relative rights, preferences, qualifications, limitations and restrictions, including voting rights, and for such consideration as shall be stated in or determined in accordance with the Amended Articles of Incorporation and any amendment or amendments thereof, or the Indiana Business Corporation Law. Consistent with the Indiana Business Corporation Law, capital stock of the corporation owned by the corporation may be referred to and accounted for as treasury stock.

**Section B.** Certificates for Shares. All share certificates shall be consecutively numbered as issued and shall be signed by the chairman and the corporate secretary.

**Section C. Transfer of Shares.** The shares of the capital stock of the corporation shall be transferred only on the books of the corporation by the holder thereof, or by his attorney, upon the surrender and cancellation of the stock certificate, whereupon a new certificate shall be issued to the transferee. The transfer and assignment of such shares of stock shall be subject to the laws of the State of Indiana. The board of directors shall have the right to appoint and employ one or more stock registrars and/or transfer agents in the State of Indiana or in any other state.

**Section D.** Control Share Acquisition Statute Inapplicable. Chapter 42 of the Indiana Business Corporation Law (IC 23-1-42) shall not apply to control share acquisitions of shares of the corporation.

## Article 2 Shareholders

**Section A. Annual Meetings.** The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the corporation shall be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday after the first (1st) Wednesday in April of each year, or on such other date within a reasonable interval after the close of the corporation's last fiscal year as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors, for the election of directors of the corporation, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized or required to be transacted by the shareholders.

**Section B. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the shareholders may be called by the chairman of the board or by the board of directors or as otherwise may be required by law.

Section C. Time and Place of Meetings. All meetings of the shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place within or without the State of Indiana and at such time as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors.

**Section D.** Notice of Shareholder Nominations of Directors. Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the corporation, except as may be otherwise provided in the Amended Articles of Incorporation of the corporation with respect to the right of holders of preferred stock of the corporation to nominate and elect a specified number of directors in certain circumstances. Nominations of persons for election to the board of directors may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders (a) by or at the direction of the board of directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof) or (b) by any shareholder of the corporation (i) who is a shareholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Section D and on the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to vote at such annual meeting and (ii) who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section D.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a shareholder, such shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the corporation.

To be timely, a shareholder's notice to the Secretary must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the corporation not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within thirty (30) days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs. In no event shall the public disclosure of an adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

To be in proper written form, a shareholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth as to each person whom the shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director and as to the shareholder giving the notice and any Shareholder Associated Person (as defined below) (i) the name, age, business address, residence address and record address of such person, (ii) the principal occupation or employment of such person, (iii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the corporation which are owned beneficially or of record by such person, (iv) any information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, (v) the nominee holder for, and number of, shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person, (vi) whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options or borrowed or loaned shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to or manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such person with respect to any share of stock of the corporation, (vii) to the extent known by the shareholder giving the notice, the name and address of any other shareholder supporting the nominee for election or reelection as a director on the date of such shareholder's notice, (viii) a description of

all arrangements or understandings between or among such persons pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by the shareholder and any relationship between or among the shareholder giving notice and any Shareholder Associated Person, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee, on the other hand, (ix) a representation that the shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in its notice, (x) all information that would be required to be set forth in a Schedule 13D filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(a) or an amendment pursuant to Rule 13d-2(a) if such a statement were required to be filed under the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the shareholder or any Shareholder Associated Person, and (xi) a representation that the shareholder intends to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the corporation's nominees in accordance with Rule 14a-19 promulgated under the Exchange Act. Any information required by this paragraph shall be supplemented by the shareholder giving the notice not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the meeting as of the record date. Such notice must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director for a full term if elected. The corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the corporation to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the corporation or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee.

Additionally, without limiting the other provisions and requirements of this Section D, unless otherwise required by law, if any shareholder (i) provides notice pursuant to Rule 14a-19(b) under the Exchange Act, and (ii) subsequently fails to comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-19(a)(2) and Rule 14a-19(a)(3) under the Exchange Act, then the corporation shall disregard any proxies or votes solicited for such shareholder's nominees. Upon request by the corporation, if any shareholder provides notice pursuant to Rule 14a-19(b) under the Exchange Act, such shareholder shall deliver to the corporation, no later than five business days prior to the applicable meeting, reasonable evidence that it has met the requirements of Rule 14a-19(a)(3) under the Exchange Act.

No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the corporation unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section D (including the provision of the information required pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph). If the Chairman of the meeting determines that a nomination was not made in accordance with the foregoing procedures, the Chairman shall declare to the meeting that the nomination was defective and such defective nomination shall be disregarded.

Notwithstanding anything in the third paragraph of this Section D to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the board of directors of the corporation is increased and there is no public disclosure by the corporation naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the size of the increased board of directors at least one hundred (100) days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, a shareholder's notice required by this Bylaw shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the corporation not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which such public disclosure is first made by the corporation.

**Section E.** Notice of Shareholder Proposals of Business. No business may be transacted at an annual meeting of shareholders, other than business that is either (a) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof), (b) otherwise properly brought before the annual meeting by or at the direction of the board of directors (or any duly authorized committee thereof) or (c) otherwise properly brought before the annual meeting by any shareholder of the corporation (i) who is a shareholder of record on the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Section E and on the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to vote at such annual meeting and (ii) who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section E.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a shareholder, such shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the corporation.

To be timely, a shareholder's notice to the Secretary must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the corporation not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within thirty (30) days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs. In no event shall the public disclosure of an adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

To be in proper written form, a shareholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth as to each matter such shareholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting and as to the shareholder giving the notice and any Shareholder Associated Person, (i) the name and record address of such person, (ii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the corporation which are owned beneficially or of record by such person, (iii) the nominee holder for, and number of, shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person, (iv) whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options or borrowed or loaned shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to or manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such person with respect to any share of stock of the corporation, (v) to the extent known by the shareholder giving the notice, the name and address of any other shareholder supporting the proposal of business on the date of such shareholder's notice, (vi) a description of all arrangements or understandings between or among such persons in connection with the proposal of such business by such shareholder and any material interest in such business and (vii) a representation that the shareholder giving the notice intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to bring such business before the meeting. Any information required pursuant to this paragraph shall be supplemented by the shareholder giving the notice not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the meeting as of the record date.

No business shall be conducted at the annual meeting of shareholders except business brought before the annual meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section E (including the provision of the information required pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, once business has been properly brought before the annual meeting in accordance with such procedures, nothing in this Section E shall be deemed to preclude discussion by any shareholder of any such business. If the Chairman of an annual meeting determines that business was not properly brought before the annual meeting in accordance with the foregoing procedures, the Chairman shall declare to the meeting that the business was not properly brought before the meeting and such business shall not be transacted.

## Section F. Definitions.

For purposes of Article Two of these Bylaws:

"Public disclosure" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by the corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

"Shareholder Associated Person" of any shareholder shall mean (i) any person acting in concert, directly or indirectly, with such shareholder and (ii) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such shareholder or any Shareholder Associated Person.

### Section G. Proxies.

Any shareholder directly or indirectly soliciting proxies from other shareholders must use a proxy card color other than white, which color shall be reserved for the exclusive use for solicitation by the board of directors of the corporation.

## Article 3 Directors

**Section A.** Number and Terms of Office. The business of the Corporation shall be controlled and managed in accordance with the Indiana Business Corporation Law by a board of directors comprised of not less than nine (9) nor more than fifteen (15) members, the exact number of members to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The corporation elects not to be governed by IND. CODE §23-1-33-6(c).

**Section B.** Eligibility. No person shall be eligible for election or reelection as a director after having attained the age of seventy-five prior to or on the day of election or reelection. A director who attains the age of seventy-five during his or her term of office shall be eligible to serve only until the annual meeting of shareholders of the corporation next following such director's seventy-fifth birthday, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

### Section C. Director Resignation Policy.

In an uncontested election of directors of the corporation, any nominee who receives a greater number of votes "withheld" from his or her election than votes "for" his or her election

will, within ten (10) days following the certification of the shareholder vote, tender his or her written resignation to the chairman of the board for consideration by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (the "Committee"). As used in this Section C, an "uncontested election of directors of the corporation" is an election in which the only nominees are persons nominated by the board of directors of the corporation.

The Committee will consider such tendered resignation and, within sixty (60) days following the certification of the shareholder vote, will make a recommendation to the board of directors concerning the acceptance or rejection of such resignation. In determining its recommendation to the board, the Committee will consider all factors deemed relevant by the members of the Committee.

The Committee also will consider a range of possible alternatives concerning the director's tendered resignation as the members of the Committee deem appropriate, including, without limitation, acceptance of the resignation, rejection of the resignation or rejection of the resignation coupled with a commitment to seek to address and cure the underlying reasons reasonably believed by the Committee to have substantially resulted in the "withheld" votes.

The board of directors of the corporation will take formal action on the Committee's recommendation no later than ninety-five (95) days following the certification of the shareholder vote. In considering the Committee's recommendation, the board will consider the information, factors and alternatives considered by the Committee and such additional information, factors and alternatives as the board deems relevant.

Following the board's decision on the Committee's recommendation, the corporation, within four (4) business days after such decision is made, will publicly disclose, in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the board's decision, together with an explanation of the process by which the decision was made and, if applicable, the board's reason or reasons for its decision.

No director who, in accordance with this Section C, is required to tender his or her resignation, shall participate in the Committee's deliberations or recommendation, or in the board's deliberations or determination, with respect to accepting or rejecting his or her resignation as a director. If a majority of the members of the Committee received a greater number of votes "withheld" from their election than votes "for" their election, then the independent directors then serving on the board of directors who received a greater number of votes "for" their election, then the independent directors then serving on the board of directors who received a greater number of votes "for" their election, then the independent directors then serving on the board of directors who received a greater number of votes "for" their election, and the directors, if any, who were not standing for election, will appoint an ad hoc board committee from among themselves (the "Ad Hoc Committee"), consisting of such number of directors as they may determine to be appropriate, solely for the purpose of considering and making a recommendation to the board with respect to the tendered resignations. The Ad Hoc Committee shall serve in place of the Committee and perform the Committee's duties for purposes of this Section C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Ad Hoc Committee would have been created but fewer than three directors would be eligible to serve on it, the entire board of directors (other than the director whose resignation is being considered) will make the determination to accept or reject the tendered resignation without any recommendation from the Committee and without the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee.

This director resignation policy set forth in this Section C, as it may from time to time be amended, will be summarized or included in the corporation's proxy statement for each meeting of shareholders (annual or special) at which directors are to be elected.

**Section D. Regular Meetings.** The regular annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held immediately after the adjournment of each annual meeting of the shareholders. Regular quarterly meetings of the board of directors shall be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday after the first (1st) Wednesday of January, July, and October of each year, or on such other date as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors.

**Section E. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at any time by the chairman of the board or by the board, by giving to each director an oral or written notice setting the time, place and purpose of holding such meetings.

Section F. Time and Place of Meetings. All meetings of the board of directors shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or at such other place within or without the State of Indiana and at such time as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors.

**Section G.** Notices. Any notice, of meetings or otherwise, which is given or is required to be given to any director may be in the form of oral notice.

**Section H.** Committees. The board of directors is expressly authorized to create committees and appoint members of the board of directors to serve on them, as follows:

(1) Temporary and standing committees, including an executive committee, and the respective chairmen thereof, may be appointed by the board of directors, from time to time. The board of directors may invest such committees with such powers and limit the authority of such committees as it may see fit, subject to conditions as it may prescribe. The executive committee shall consist of three or more members of the board. All other committees shall consist of one or more members of the board. All committees so appointed shall keep regular minutes of the transactions of their meetings, shall cause them to be recorded in books kept for that purpose in the office of the corporation, and shall report the same to the board of directors at its next meeting. Within its area of responsibility, each committee shall have and exercise all of the authority of the board of directors, except as limited by the board of directors or by law, and shall have the power to authorize the execution of an affixation of the seal of the corporation to all papers or documents which may require it.

(2) Neither the designation of any of the foregoing committees or the delegation thereto of authority shall operate to relieve the board of directors, or any member thereof, of any responsibility imposed by law.

**Section I. Loans to Directors.** Except as consistent with the Indiana Business Corporation Law, the corporation shall not lend money to or guarantee the obligation of any director of the corporation.

## Article 4 Officers

**Section A.** Election and Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be elected by the board of directors at the regular annual meeting of the board, unless the board shall otherwise determine, and shall consist of a chairman of the board of directors, if so designated as an officer by the board, a chief executive officer, a president, one or more vice presidents (any one or more of whom may be designated "corporate," "group," or other functionally described vice president), a corporate secretary, a treasurer, a controller, and may include a vice-chairman of the board of directors. The board of directors may, from time to time, designate a chief operating officer and a chief financial officer from among the officers of the corporation. At any one time a person may hold more than one office of the corporation. Only the chairman and any vice-chairman of the board or until removed with or without cause by the board of directors. Vacancies in any of such offices may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the board of directors.

**Section B.** Chairman of the Board. The chairman of the board shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and of the shareholders. He shall confer from time to time with members of the board and the officers of the corporation and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the board. Except where by law the signature of another officer is required, the chairman of the board shall possess the power to sign all certificates, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts and other instruments of the corporation which may be authorized by the board of directors. During the absence or inability to act of the chief executive officer, the chairman of the board shall act as the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall exercise all the powers and discharge all the duties of the chief executive officer.

**Section C.** Vice-Chairman of the Board. The vice-chairman of the board, if elected, shall, in the absence of the chairman of the board, preside at all meetings of the board of directors and of the shareholders. He shall have and exercise the powers and duties of the chairman of the board in the event of the chairman's absence or inability to act or during a vacancy in the office of chairman of the board. He shall possess the same power as the chairman to sign all certificates, contracts, and other instruments of the corporation which may be authorized by the board of directors. He shall also have such other duties and responsibilities as shall be assigned to him by the board of directors or the chairman.

Section D. The Chief Executive Officer. The chief executive officer shall have general charge, supervision and management of the business, affairs and operations of the corporation in all respects, subject to such directions as the board of directors may from time to time provide. The chief executive officer shall be the senior executive officer of the corporation, shall perform such other duties as are customarily incident to such office and shall have full power and authority to see that all directions and resolutions of the board of directors are carried out and, without limitation, the power and authority to determine and direct:

(a) The management, supervision and coordination of all business divisions and functional

areas;

(b) The implementation of strategic objectives, the setting of operating priorities and the allocation of human and material resources;

(c) The management, supervision and coordination of all other executive officers and all business division heads; and

(d) The briefing of the directors at meetings of the board of directors concerning the corporation's business, affairs and operations.

The chief executive officer shall have the power to sign and execute all certificates, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, and other instruments of the corporation as authorized by the board of directors, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly designated by the board of directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the corporation.

**Section E.** The President. The president shall perform such duties as the board of directors or the chief executive officer shall from time to time specify and other duties incident to the office of president and as are required of him by these bylaws. The president shall have the power to sign and execute all certificates, deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts and other instruments of the corporation as authorized by the board of directors, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly designated by the board of directors or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the corporation.

**Section F.** The Vice Presidents. The vice presidents shall possess the same power as the president to sign all certificates, contracts, and other instruments of the corporation which may be authorized by the board of directors, except where by law the signature of the president is required. All vice presidents shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the board of directors, the chairman of the board, and the president. In the event of the absence or disability of the president, and at the request of the chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability, at the request of the vice-chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability by the vice-chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability by the vice-chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability by the vice-chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability by the vice-chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability by the vice-chairman of the board, or in his absence or disability by the vice-chairman of the board of directors, shall perform all of the duties of the president, and when so acting they shall have all of the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the president and shall act as a member of, or as a chairman of, any standing or special committee of which the president is a member or chairman by designation or ex officio.

Section G. The Corporate Secretary. The corporate secretary of the corporation shall:

(1) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders and the board of directors in books provided for that purpose.

(2) See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws and as required by law.

(3) Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

(4) Keep a register of the post office address of each shareholder, which shall be furnished to the corporate secretary at his request by such shareholder, and make all proper changes in such register, retaining and filing his authority for all such entries.

(5) See that the books, reports, statements, certificates and all other documents and records required by law are properly kept, filed, and authenticated.

(6) In general, perform all duties incident to the office of corporate secretary and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the board of directors.

Section H. The Treasurer. The treasurer of the corporation shall:

(1) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties if required by the board of directors.

(2) Have the charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the corporation, and deposit all such funds in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

(3) At all reasonable times, exhibit his books of account and records, and cause to be exhibited the books of account and records of any corporation a majority of whose stock is owned by the corporation, to any of the directors of the corporation upon application during business hours at the office of this corporation or such other corporation where such books and records are kept.

(4) Render a statement of the conditions of the finances of the corporation at all regular meetings of the board of directors, and a full financial report at the annual meeting of the shareholders, if called upon so to do.

(5) Receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever.

(6) In general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the board of directors.

(7) All acts affecting the treasurer's duties and responsibilities shall be subject to the review and approval of the corporation's chief financial officer.

Section I. The Controller. The controller of the corporation shall:

(1) Direct the financial closings and the preparation of monthly, quarterly and annual consolidated historical financial statements and reports to executive and operating management.

(2) Direct the preparation of financial reports required by federal, state and local regulatory agencies and the preparation of quarterly and annual financial statements and reports to shareholders, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other interested parties.

(3) Provide primary contact for the corporation's independent accountants and all of its consolidated domestic and foreign subsidiaries and represent management to the corporation's domestic and international independent accountants.

(4) Perform and/or direct technical accounting and financial reporting research and monitor developments in accounting and regulatory standards (e.g., FASB, SEC, EITF, IRS).

(5) Direct the corporation's domestic and foreign tax planning, preparation and compliance.

(6) In general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of controller and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the board of directors.

(7) In case of absence or disability of the controller, the assistant controllers, in the order designated by the chief financial officer, shall perform the duties of controller.

(8) All acts affecting the controller's duties and responsibilities shall be subject to the review and approval of the corporation's chief financial officer.

## Article 5 Indemnification

**Section A.** Indemnification of Directors and Officers - General. Certain of the terms used herein are more specifically defined in Section F of this Article Five.

(1) The corporation shall indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because he is or was a director or officer of the corporation against liability incurred in connection with a proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the "IBCL"), as the same now exist or may hereafter be amended (but only to the extent any such amendment permits the corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than the IBCL permitted the corporation to provide prior to such amendment).

(2) The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent is not, of itself, determinative that the director or officer did not meet the standard of conduct set forth in the IBCL.

(3) To the extent that a director or officer has been wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he was a party, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, because he is or was a director or officer of the corporation, the corporation shall indemnify the director or officer against reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection therewith regardless of whether the director or officer has met the standards set forth in the IBCL and without any action or determination under Section D of this Article Five.

Section B. Advancement of Expenses.

(1) The corporation shall pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a director or officer who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding if:

(a) The director or officer furnishes the corporation a written affirmation of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct set forth in the IBCL;

(b) The director or officer furnishes the corporation a written undertaking, executed personally or on his behalf, to repay any advances if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to indemnification under this Article Five; and

(c) A determination is made that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under the IBCL.

(2) The undertaking required by paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this Section B must be an unlimited general obligation of the director or officer but need not be secured and may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment.

## Section C. Limitations on Indemnification.

(1) The corporation shall not indemnify a director or officer under Section A of this Article Five unless a determination has been made in the specific case that indemnification of the director is permissible in the circumstances because he has met the standard of conduct set forth in the IBCL. Such determination shall be made within sixty (60) days of the request for indemnification:

(a) By the board of directors by majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(b) If a quorum cannot be obtained under paragraph (a) of this subsection, by majority vote of a committee duly designated by the board of directors (in which designation directors who are parties may participate), consisting solely of two or more directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;

(c) By special legal counsel:

(i) Selected by the board of directors or its committee in the manner prescribed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; or

(ii) If a quorum of the board of directors cannot be obtained under paragraph (a) of this subsection and a committee cannot be designated under paragraph (b) of this subsection, selected by majority vote of the full board of directors (in which selection directors who are parties may participate); or

(d) By the shareholders, but the shares owned by or voted under the control of the officers and directors who are at the time parties to the proceeding may not be voted on the determination; provided, however, that following a change of control of the corporation, with respect to all matters thereafter arising out of acts, omissions or events prior to the change of control of the corporation concerning the rights of any person seeking indemnification under this Article Five, such determination shall be made by special legal counsel selected by such person and approved by the board of directors or its committee in the manner described in Section C(1)(c) above (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), which counsel has not otherwise performed services (other than in connection with similar matters) within the five (5) years preceding its engagement to render such opinion for such person or for the corporation or any affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) of the corporation (whether or not they were affiliates when services were so performed) ("Independent Counsel"). Unless such person has theretofore selected Independent Counsel pursuant to this Section C and such Independent Counsel has been approved by the corporation, legal counsel approved by a resolution or resolutions of the board of directors of the corporation prior to a change of control of the corporation shall be deemed to have been approved by the corporation as required. Such Independent Counsel shall determine as promptly as practicable whether and to what extent such person would be permitted to be indemnified under applicable law and shall render its written opinion to the corporation and such person to such effect. In making a determination under this Section C, the special legal counsel and Independent Counsel referred to above shall determine that indemnification is permissible unless clearly precluded by this Article Five or the applicable provisions of the IBCL. The corporation agrees to pay the reasonable fees of the Independent Counsel referred to above and to fully indemnify such Independent Counsel against any and all expenses, claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or relating to this Article Five or its engagement pursuant hereto.

(2) Authorization of indemnification or an obligation to indemnify and evaluation as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made as set forth in paragraph (a) above, except that if the determination is made by special legal counsel (pursuant to Section C(1)(c) above), authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made by those entitled under Section C(1)(c) above to select counsel.

(3) Indemnification under this Article Five in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation shall be limited to reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding.

**Section D.** Enforceability. The provisions of this Article Five shall be applicable to all proceedings commenced after its adoption, whether such arise out of events, acts, omissions or circumstances which occurred or existed prior or subsequent to such adoption, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person. This Article Five shall be deemed to grant each person who is entitled to indemnification hereunder rights against the corporation to enforce the provisions of this Article Five, and any repeal or other modification of this Article Five or any repeal or modification of the IBCL or any other applicable law shall not limit any rights of indemnification then existing or arising out of events, acts, omissions, circumstances occurring or existing prior to such repeal or modification, including, without limitation, the right to indemnification for proceedings commenced after such repeal or modification to enforce this Article Five with regard to acts, omissions, events or circumstances occurring or existing prior to such repeal or modification.

**Section E. Severability.** If this Article Five or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the corporation shall nevertheless indemnify each director or officer of the corporation as to liabilities incurred in connection with any proceeding, including an action by or in the right of the corporation, to the full extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article Five that shall not have been invalidated and to the full extent permitted by the Articles and by applicable law.

## Section F. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the term:

(1) "Change of control," for purposes of this Article Five, means (a) an acquisition by any person of 30 percent (30%) or more of the corporation's voting shares; (b) a merger in which the shareholders of the corporation before the merger own 50 percent (50%) or less of the corporation's (or the ultimate parent corporation's) voting shares after the merger; (c) shareholder approval of a plan of liquidation or to sell or dispose of substantially all of the assets of the corporation; and (d) if, during any two-(2) year period, directors at the beginning of the period (and any new directors nominated by a majority of the directors at the beginning of such period) fail to constitute a majority of the board of directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a change of control shall not be deemed to occur solely because 30 percent (30%) or more of the then outstanding voting securities is acquired by (i) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under one or more employee benefit plans maintained by the corporation or any of its subsidiaries or (ii) any corporation which, immediately prior to such acquisition, is owned directly or indirectly by the shareholders of this corporation in the same proportion as their ownership of shares in this corporation immediately prior to such acquisition.

(2) "Corporation" includes Ball Corporation and any domestic or foreign predecessor entity of the corporation or a corporation in a merger or other transaction in which the predecessor's existence ceased upon consummation of the transaction.

(3) "Director" means an individual who is or was a director of the corporation or an individual who, while a director of the corporation, is or was serving at the corporation's request as a director, officer, partner, member, manager, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, whether for profit or not. A director is considered to be serving an employee benefit plan at the corporation's request if his duties to the corporation also impose duties on, or otherwise involve services by, him to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan. Director includes, unless the context requires otherwise, the estate or personal representative of a director.

(4) "Expenses" include attorneys' fees.

(5) "Liability" means the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), or reasonable expenses incurred with respect to a proceeding.

(6) "Party" includes an individual who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.

(7) "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal, except for a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by a person against the corporation or any director, officer, employee or agent thereof (other than to enforce his rights under this Article Five) and not consented to by the corporation.

## Article 6 Corporate Seal

The corporate seal of the corporation shall be a round, metal disc with the words "Ball Corporation" around the outer margin thereof, and the words "Corporate Seal," in the center thereof, so mounted that it may be used to impress words in raised letters upon paper.

### Article 7 Amendment

These bylaws may be altered, added to, amended, or repealed by the board of directors of the corporation at any regular or special meeting thereof or by the majority of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

## Article 8 Adjudication of Certain Disputes

Forum for Adjudication of Certain Disputes. Consistent with the Indiana Business Section A. Corporation Law (the "IBCL"), unless the corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum (an "Alternative Forum Consent"), the circuit or superior courts of the State of Indiana shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any derivative action brought on behalf of, or in the name of the corporation; (b) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation to the corporation or any of the corporation's constituents identified in Chapter 35 of the IBCL (IC 23-I-35-I(d)); (c) any action asserting a claim arising under any provision of the IBCL, the corporation's Amended Articles of Incorporation and any amendment or amendments thereof, or these bylaws; or (d) any actions otherwise relating to the internal affairs of the corporation; provided, however, that, in the event that the circuit or superior courts of the State of Indiana lack subject matter jurisdiction over any such action or proceeding, the sole and exclusive forum for such action or proceeding shall be a federal court located within the State of Indiana, in each such case, unless a circuit or superior court of the State of Indiana (or federal court located within the State of Indiana, as applicable) has dismissed a prior action by the same plaintiff asserting the same claims because such court lacked personal jurisdiction over an indispensable party named as a defendant therein. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of the corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this Article 8. The existence of any prior Alternative Forum Consent shall not act as a waiver of the corporation's ongoing consent right as set forth above in this Section A of Article 8 with respect to any current or future actions or claims.

**Section B.** Consent to Jurisdiction and Service. If any action the subject matter of which is within the scope of Section A of this Article 8 is filed in a court other than a court located within the State of Indiana (a "Foreign Action") in the name of any shareholder, such

shareholder shall be deemed to have consented to (a) the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located within the State of Indiana in connection with any action brought in such court to enforce Section A of this Article 8 (an "FSC Enforcement Action") and (b) having service of process made upon such shareholder in any such FSC Enforcement Action by service upon such shareholder's counsel in the Foreign Action as agent for such shareholder.