

HOOVER R DAVID

Form 4

April 23, 2003

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Officer

Ball Corporation

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IRS-NUMBER 35-0160610

04/22/03

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Hoover, R. David
10 Longs Peak Dr.
Broomfield, CO 80021-2510
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ball Corporation (BLL)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
4/22/2003

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A or D Price
Common Stock	04/22/03	A	20,000	A
Common Stock				
Common Stock				

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$56.3100	04/22/03	A	30,000

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	8) Price of Deri- vative Security Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	04/22/03	Common Stock	30,000

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.

- Total number of Common Shares directly owned includes shares acquired through participation in Stock Purchase Plan. Total number of 401(k) Plan shares includes shares acquired through periodi

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employer matching contributions.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Mary L. Rose,
Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.

For: R. David Hoover

DATE 04/22/03