

BALL CORP

Form 4

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# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HAYES JOHN A

(Last)                      (First)                      (Middle)

BALL CORPORATION, 10 LONGS  
PEAK DR.

(Street)

BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510

(City) (State) (Zip)

## 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

BALL CORP [BLL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

### 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
 below) below)

VP. CORP STRATEGY &amp; DEV

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 X  Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        |            | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 15,000 | A          | \$ 10.6125                                                                                    | 155,026                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2005                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 15,000 | D          | \$ 45.21                                                                                      | 140,026                                                  | D                                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |                                                                                               | 1,004                                                    | I                                                     |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |                                                                                               |                                                          | 401(k) plan                                           |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 10.6125                                                            | 03/16/2005                              |                                                             | M                                       | 15,000                                                                                                       | <u>(1)</u> 03/06/2011                                          | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 15,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                     | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| HAYES JOHN A<br>BALL CORPORATION<br>10 LONGS PEAK DR.<br>BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510 |               |           | VP, CORP STRATEGY & DEV |       |

## Signatures

By: Charles E. Baker, Gen Counsel &amp; Asst Corp Sec For: John A. Hayes

03/17/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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

### Remarks:

Total number of Common Shares directly owned includes shares acquired through participation in the Ball Corporation Employee Stock Plan.

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