

HOOVER R DAVID
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 HOOVER R DAVID

(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)

11/02/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	Prepaid Variable Forward Contract	(1) 11/02/2004	J(1)	60,000 (1)					11/02/2007(1)	11/02/2007	Common Stock	60,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOOVER R DAVID BALL CORPORATION 10 LONGS PEAK DR. BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510	X		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO	

Signatures

By: Charles E. Baker, GenCounsel&AsstCorpSec For: R. David Hoover
 Date: 11/03/2004
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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) On 11-2-04, the Suzanne A. Hoover Revocable Trust dated 1-30-97 (the Trust) entered into a prepaid variable forward contract (Contract) with a broker/dealer (Buyer) for disposition by the Trust of up to 60,000 shares of Ball Corp Common Stock (Ball Shares). Contract obligates the Trust to deliver to Buyer on 11-2-07 (Settlement Date), a number of Ball Shares equal to \$2,415,180 (currently 60,000 shares @\$40.253). In exchange, the Trust initially receives 83.99% of \$2,415,180. Per the Contract, on the Settlement Date the Trust receives up to 120% of the \$40.253 per share price (Ceiling Price) if Ball Shares appreciate above \$40.253 per share (Floor Price). The number of shares to be sold by the Trust will be up to 60,000 Ball Shares & will depend on whether the Ceiling Price is above the Floor Price. At the Trust's option, it may deliver cash in an amount equivalent to the value of the required number of Ball Shares to be delivered on the Settlement Date.
- (2) The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities; 60,000 of these shares are committed for use in a prepaid variable forward contract dated 11-2-04.

Remarks:

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