

SMITH DANIEL THOMAS
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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 *
SMITH DANIEL THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OIL DRI CORP OF AMERICA
[ODC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice President & Chief Acctng

(Last) (First) (Middle)
410 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/24/2008

CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	12/24/2008	12/24/2008	M		1,000	A \$ 0	2,515	D	
Common Stock	12/24/2008	12/24/2008	S		1,000	D \$ 18.35	1,515	D	
Common Stock	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	M		300	A \$ 0	1,815	D	
Common Stock	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	S		300	D \$ 18.35	1,515	D	

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.92	12/24/2008	12/24/2008	M	1,000	10/12/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 10/12/2011	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.92	12/26/2008	12/26/2008	M	300	10/12/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 10/12/2011	Common Stock	300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH DANIEL THOMAS 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213			Vice President & Chief Acctng	

Signatures

/s/ Angela M. Hatseras by Power of Attorney
12/29/2008
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Exercise of employee stock options pursuant to the Oil-Dri Corporation of America 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.

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