

OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA  
 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 \*  
 COLE J STEVEN

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 COLE & ASSOCIATES, 633  
 SKOKIE BOULEVARD, SUITE  
 202  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/03/2004

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

NORTHBROOK, IL 60062  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. 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 (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                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,273   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 967   | I  | Owned by Spouse                   |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 6.15  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/12/2002 10/12/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 8   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/04/2000 12/04/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 14.625  |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/09/1999 06/09/2008                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 16.34   | 12/03/2004                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,000   | 12/03/2005 12/03/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COLE J STEVEN<br>COLE & ASSOCIATES<br>633 SKOKIE BOULEVARD, SUITE 202<br>NORTHBROOK, IL 60062 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney  
12/07/2004

\_\_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) Grant of outside director stock options pursuant to the Oil-Dri Corporation of America Outside Director Stock Plan in a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.

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