BALL CORP
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October 28, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 28, 2004
(Date of earliest event reported)

BALL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana	1-7349	35-0160610
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

10 Longs Peak Drive, P.O. Box 5000, Broomfield, CO 80021-2510
(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP Code)

(303) 469-3131
(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 28, 2004, Ball Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing its third quarter earnings for 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

The earnings information regarding the third quarter for 2004 as well as the information regarding the use of non-GAAP financial measures is set forth in the attached press release.

The information in this Report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following is furnished as an exhibit to this report:

Exhibit 99 - Ball Corporation Press Release dated October 28, 2004

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BALL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Raymond J. Seabrook
Name: Raymond J. Seabrook
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 28, 2004

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