STIRITZ WILLIAM P

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Form 4

November 16, 2004

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STIRITZ WILLIAM P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BALL CORP [BLL]

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

BALL CORPORATION, 10 LONGS PEAK DR.

11/12/2004

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

(Check all applicable)

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Code

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(A) or

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (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
Variable Forward Contract	(1)	11/12/2004		J <u>(1)</u>		200,000 (1)		<u>(1)</u>	06/12/2012	Common Stock	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

X

STIRITZ WILLIAM P
BALL CORPORATION
10 LONGS PEAK DR.
BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510

Signatures

By: Charles E. Baker, GenCounsel&AsstCorpSec For: William P.
Stiritz

**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).
 - Susan Stiritz entered into a variable forward contract ("VFC") with Credit Suisse First Boston Capital LLC ("CSFBC LLC") and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC. Under the VFC, CSFBC LLC sold 200,000 shares of common stock of Ball Corp. ("Common Shares") into the public market in accordance with paragraphs (f) and (g) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The VFC provides

Date

- (1) that, on June 12, 2012, Susan Stiritz will deliver a number of Common Shares to CSFBC LLC (or, at the election of Susan Stiritz, the cash equivalent of such shares) as follows: (a) if the settlement price is less than the downside floor, a delivery of 200,000 Common Shares; and (b) if the settlement price is equal to or greater than the downside floor, a delivery of between 129,870 and 200,000 Common Shares, dependent upon the settlement price.
- (2) The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities; 200,000 of these shares are committed for use in a variable forward contract dated 11-12-04.

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