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(Print or Type F	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HOOVER R DAVID			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BALL CORP [BLL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
				Aonth/Day/Year) 3/15/2005				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO				
				ndment, Date Original th/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ities Acc	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Di (D)	spose	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	03/15/2005			Code V J(1)	Amount 431	(D) A	Price \$ 45.1	(insu: 3 and 4) 431,192	D			
Common Stock								2,548	I	401(k) plan		
Common Stock								378,193	Ι	by trust (2)		

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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	х		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO					
Signatures								
By: Charles E. Baker, GenCounsel&A Hoover	03/16/2005							
<u>**</u> Signature of Report	Date							
Explanation of Respo	onses:							

- * 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) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
- (2) The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

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