

HOOVER R DAVID
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOOVER R DAVID
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BALL CORP [BLL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO

**BALL CORPORATION, 10
 LONGS PEAK DR.**
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/31/2004	^	W	3,200 D \$ (1)	374,993	I	by trust (2)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	430,282	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	2,523	I	401(k) plan

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 6)
					(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	X		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO	

Signatures

By: Charles E. Baker, GenCounsel&AsstCorpSec For: R. David Hoover
Date: 02/07/2005

__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) Ball common shares in Mr. Hoover's mother's estate were willed to a family trust (of which Mr. Hoover's spouse is trustee), two beneficiaries of which are Mr. Hoover's grown non-dependent children. Transfers to the trust occurred on 5/6/04. The trust subsequently transferred the shares to each child, 1,600 shares to one child on 9/1/04 and 800 shares on 8/16/04 and again 800 shares on 9/3/04 to the other child. Mr. Hoover disclaims beneficial ownership of any of the shares referred to in this footnote.
- (2) The reporting person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

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Remarks:

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