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Officer
Ball Corporation
0000009389<IRS-NUMBER>35-0160610
03/12/03

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

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
   Lewis, Donald C.
   10 Longs Peak Dr.
   Broomfield, CO 80021-2510

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   Ball Corporation (BLL)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
   3/12/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   [ ] Director
   [ ] 10% Owner
   [X] Officer (give title below)
   [ ] Other (specify below)
   VP, ASST CORP SECY & GENERAL COUNSEL

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [ ] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans- action Date</th>
<th>Trans- action Code</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A)</th>
<th>Beneficially Owned at End of Month</th>
<th>Nature of Ownership</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>03/12/03</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>$16.0000</td>
<td>55,430</td>
<td>D Direct</td>
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Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>V</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>D</th>
<th>Exercisable</th>
<th>Expiration</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Employee Stock Option (right to buy)</td>
<td>$16.0000</td>
<td>03/12/03</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>04/27/03</td>
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1, 3 and 7 through 11)

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<th>Title and Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)</th>
<th>Nature of Ownership</th>
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<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Amount or Number of Shares</td>
<td>Security</td>
<td>Beneficially Owned at</td>
<td>Ownership End of Month</td>
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<td>2,000</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>Direct</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares exercisable beginning one year after grant in 25% increments.
2. 401(k) Plan shares include shares acquired through periodic dividend reinvestment and employer matching contributions.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON/S/
By: Mary L. Rose, Dir., Exec. Comp. Prog.

For: Donald C. Lewis
 DATE 03/12/03