

BALL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NICHOLSON JAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BALL CORPORATION, 10 LONGS  
PEAK DR.

(Street)

BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/15/2008		J(1)	V Amount 3.4938 (2)	(A) or (D) Price \$ 147,024.065 (2)	D	

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)**

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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	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)	Amount
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Number Shares
Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan	(3)	12/15/2008		J(4)	29.4559 (2)	(5) (5)	Common Stock	29.45 (2)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICHOLSON JAN BALL CORPORATION 10 LONGS PEAK DR. BROOMFIELD, CO 80021-2510		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Charles E. Baker, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Nicholson  
Date: 12/17/2008

\_\_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) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation 2000 Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
- (2) Due to a migration to a new SEC filing platform, after September 15, 2008, the Form 4 filings made by Ball Corporation's reporting persons will show up to four decimal places with respect to the acquisition and ownership of securities by the reporting person.
- (3) Each unit may be settled for a single share of stock or the equivalent amount of cash pursuant to the Ball Corporation Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
- (4) Dividend reinvestment in Ball Corporation 2005 Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan.
- (5) Stock units in Ball Corporation's Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan are distributed upon the separation of service in accordance with the Plan.

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