

BALL CORP
Form 8-K
January 27, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 25, 2005
(Date of earliest event reported)

BALL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State of
Incorporation)

1-7349
(Commission
File No.)

35-0160610
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10 Longs Peak Drive, P.O. Box 5000, Broomfield, CO 80021-2510
(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP Code)

(303) 469-3131
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 27, 2005, Ball Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing its fourth quarter and full year earnings for 2004, which results are set forth in the press release dated January 27, 2005 and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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The earnings information regarding the fourth quarter and full year for 2004, as well as the information regarding the use of non-GAAP financial measures, is set forth in the attached press release.

The information in this Report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 5.02. Election of Director

On January 25, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Company unanimously elected George M. Smart as a Director of the Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. Mr. Smart will serve on the Board of Directors and stand for reelection on April 27, 2005. The Board of Directors may appoint Mr. Smart to one or more committees of the Board of Directors in April 2005 when the Board of Directors holds its organizational meeting and makes committee appointments.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws

On January 25, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Company amended the Bylaws to increase the Board of Directors from ten to eleven.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

The following are furnished as exhibits to this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Ball Corporation Press Release dated January 27, 2005

Exhibit 99.2 Ball Corporation Press Release dated January 26, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BALL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Raymond J. Seabrook
Name: Raymond J. Seabrook
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 27, 2005

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