PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

July 24,2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

Commission file number 1-7349

BALL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana (State of Incorporation)

1-7349 35-0160610 (Commission (IRS Employer File No.) 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)

> **Ball Corporation Current Report on Form 8-K** Dated July 24, 2003

Item 5. Other Events

On July 24, 2003, Ball Corporation issued a press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which press release is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated July 24, 2003

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

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