

HARDIN RICHARD V
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FORM 4

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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 *
HARDIN RICHARD V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/29/2004

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

CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213

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

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

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. I
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (In			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Stock	\$ 0						(1)	(1)	Common Stock	27,062
Class B Stock	\$ 0	01/03/2005	G(2)	V	1,736.9		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,736.9
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Class B Stock	(1)	01/03/2005	G(2)	V	1,736.9		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,736.9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDIN RICHARD V 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213				OTHER

Signatures

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney
01/05/2005

__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).
- (4) Spouse as Trustee of Camille Rose Hardin Minority Trust. 22,273.6 of the shares reported are interest of the Minority Trust in the Jaffee Investment Partnership.
- (1) Class B Stock may be converted at any time at the option of the holder into Common Stock on a share for share basis. See note 134 to SEC Release 34-288691
- (3) Spouse as Trustee of Kevin Nathan Hardin Minority Trust. 22,273.6 of the shares reported are interest of the Minority Trust in the Jaffee Investment Partnership.
- (5) Interest of Spouse of Reporting Person in Jaffee Investment Partnership, L.P. (a family partnership)

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(2) Gift of interest in the Jaffee Investment Partnership, L.P. (a family partnership).

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