

OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA
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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 *
JAFFEE DANIEL S

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/14/2005

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

(Street)
 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)
Common Stock	03/14/2005		C ⁽¹⁾			35,000	\$ 0	35,000	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S ⁽²⁾			34,300	\$ 18.6	700	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S ⁽²⁾			100	\$ 18.65	600	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S ⁽²⁾			500	\$ 18.7	100	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2005		S ⁽²⁾			100	\$ 18.78	0	D	

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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 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 (Instr. 8)	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Class B Stock	\$ 0	03/14/2005		M ⁽³⁾		35,000		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	35,000
Class B Stock	\$ 0	03/14/2005		C ⁽¹⁾		35,000		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.25	03/14/2005		M ⁽³⁾		35,000	09/18/2000	09/18/2008		Class B Common Stock	35,000
Class B Stock	\$ 0						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>		Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.25						09/18/2000	09/18/2008		Class B Common Stock	4,000
Class B Stock	\$ 0						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>		Common Stock	64,500
Class B Stock	\$ 0						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>		Common Stock	23,750
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAFFEE DANIEL S 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

Maryon Gray by Power of
 Attorney 03/14/2005
**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).
- (3) Exercise of employee stock options pursuant to the Oil-Dri Corporation of America 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan in a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.
- (1) Conversion of Class B Stock to Common Stock. 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.
- (4) 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
- (2) Sale, pursuant to a written plan which satisfies the requirements of SEC Rule 10b5-1, of shares obtained through exercise of employee stock options.

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