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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HARDIN RICHARD V</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>410 N. MICHIGAN AVE.</u> <u>SUITE 400</u> (Street) <u>CHICAGO IL 60611-4213</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">OTHER</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/29/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	27,062		I	By Spouse
Class B Stock	\$0	01/03/2005		G ⁽²⁾	V	1,736.9		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,736.9	(1)	I	By Spouse as Trustee 1 ⁽³⁾
Class B Stock	\$0	01/03/2005		G ⁽²⁾	V	1,736.9		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,736.9	(1)	I	By Spouse as Trustee 2 ⁽⁴⁾
Class B Stock	(1)	01/03/2005		G ⁽²⁾	V	1,736.9		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,736.9	(1)	I	By Spouse in Partnership ⁽⁵⁾

Explanation of Responses:

- 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
- Gift of interest in the Jaffee Investment Partnership, L.P. (a family partnership).
- 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.
- 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.
- Interest of Spouse of Reporting Person in Jaffee Investment Partnership, L.P. (a family partnership)

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney

01/05/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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