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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>COFSKY THOMAS F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>410 N. MICHIGAN AVE.</u> <u>SUITE 400</u> (Street) <u>CHICAGO IL 60611</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/03/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/03/2004		C ⁽¹⁾		2,500	A	\$0 ⁽²⁾	2,910	D ⁽³⁾	
Common Stock	03/03/2004		S		2,500	D	\$17.25	410	D	
Common Stock								59	I	Owned by Spouse

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						Title
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$11.25	03/03/2004		M ⁽⁴⁾			2,500	09/18/2000	09/18/2008	Class B Common Stock	2,500	\$0	37,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$11.25							09/18/2000	09/18/2008	Class B Common Stock	6,750		6,750	I	By Spouse
Class B Stock	\$0 ⁽²⁾	03/03/2004		J ⁽⁵⁾		2,500		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,500	\$11.25	2,801 ⁽³⁾	D	
Class B Stock	\$0	03/03/2004		C ⁽¹⁾		2,500		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,500	\$0 ⁽²⁾	301	D	
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,366		22,366	I	By Spouse
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	62,832.28		62,832.28	I	By Spouse1
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,036.69		22,036.69	I	By Spouse as Trustee1
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,036.69		22,036.69	I	By Spouse as Trustee2
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,036.69		22,036.69	I	By Spouse as Trustee4
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,036.69		22,036.69	I	By Spouse as Trustee3
Class B Stock	\$0							(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,036.69		22,036.69	I	By Spouse as Trustee5

Explanation of Responses:

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.
2. 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. See line below for balance following all transactions currently being reported.
4. 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.
5. 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. This transaction should be coded M, but J was used because the third party software would not allow input of the acquisition of a derivative security upon exercise of an employee stock option.

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney.

03/05/2004

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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