FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>JAFFEE RICHARD M</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
						ODC ]									X Director			vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle)														Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify	
410 N. MICHIGAN AVE.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)														
SUITE 400						07/22/2005													
JULE 400					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable						
(Street)													Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
CHICAGO IL		60611-4213											Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	City) (State) (2		(Zip)										Person						
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of	. Transacti ate	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Da				action	4. Sec	I. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amou		6. Own		7. Nature of				
			nonth/Day/Year)		if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Code (Instr.		iseu Oi (D) (	(IIISU. 3, 4 a	Benefici		ally		ndirect	Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	lv	A	mount (A) or (D)			Reported Transact	d ion(s)	.,		(Instr. 4)	
								Code	<u> </u>	Amou			:е 	(Instr. 3	and 4)				
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/Yea	Code	action (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e and	7. Title and Amo Securities Under Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		ing Derivativ		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	/ O F D o (!)	0. Ownership Orm: Direct (D) r Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		ration	Title	Amount of Number of Shares							
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)		(1)	Common Stock	100			100		D		
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)	(1)		Common Stock	214,946	4,946.5		214,946.5	5	I	Partnership1	
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)		(1)	Common Stock	214,946	5.5		214,946.5	5	I	Partnership2	
Class B Stock	\$0	07/22/2005		G <sup>(2)</sup>	V	350		(1)		(1)	Common Stock	350		\$0	232,351		I	Trust1 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Class B	\$0	07/22/2005		G <sup>(4)</sup>	v	350		(1)		(1)	Common	350		\$0	94,450		I	Trust2 <sup>(5)</sup>	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 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
- 2. Transfer from Richard M. Jaffee Annuity Trust, Daniel S. Jaffee Trustee, to Richard M. Jaffee Revocable Trust, Richard M. Jaffee Trustee
- $3.\ Richard\ M.\ Jaffee\ as\ Trustee\ under\ the\ Richard\ M.\ Jaffee\ Revocable\ Trust\ dated\ 6/21/74,\ as\ amended.$
- 4. Transfer from Shirley H. Jaffee Annuity Trust, Daniel S. Jaffee Trustee, to Shirley H. Jaffee Declaration Trust, Shirley H. Jaffee Trusteee
- 5. Shirley H. Jaffee (spouse of Richard M. Jaffee) as Trustee under the Shirley Jaffee Declaration of Trust dated 7/12/93.

<u>Maryon Gray by Power of</u> <u>Attorney</u> 07/22/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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