

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SMITH DANIEL THOMAS</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400  (Street) CHICAGO IL 60611-4213  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OIL DRI CORP OF AMERICA [ ODC ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Vice President & Chief Acctng
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2008	
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	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	M		1,700	A	\$0	3,215	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		100	D	\$18.14	3,115	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		100	D	\$18.13	3,015	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		150	D	\$18.12	2,865	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		400	D	\$18.01	2,465	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		200	D	\$18	2,265	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		350	D	\$17.99	1,915	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	S		400	D	\$17.89	1,515	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	M		800	A	\$0	2,315	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	S		800	D	\$18	1,515	D	

**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)	\$6.4	12/19/2008	12/19/2008	M			1,700	12/04/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/04/2010	Common Stock	1,700	\$0	800	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.4	12/22/2008	12/22/2008	M			800	12/04/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/04/2010	Common Stock	800	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. 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.

/s/ Angela M. Hatterser by  
Power of Attorney 12/22/2008

\*\* 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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