FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* JAFFEE RICHARD M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC]								of Reporting P cable) or (give title	10% O Other (wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400				- 1	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2004								below))	below)	
(Street) CHICAC	GO II	60611-4213 (Zip)					te of Original			, ,	Lir	Form Person		eporting Perso	n	
Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				ransactio	action 2A. Deer Execution			ate, 3. Transa	4. Sec		curities Acquired (A) o osed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		5. Amou Securiti Benefici Owned I Reporte	int of 6. es Foially (Discontinuous)	Ownership orm: Direct) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Table II - Der					cquired, E	ispos		of, or Be	eneficially	Transac (Instr. 3			
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 (Insti		5. Number of		, . , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		_			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirat Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)	(1)		Common Stock	100		100	D	
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)	(1)		Common Stock	230,578.6	5	230,578.6	I	Partnership1
Class B Stock	\$0							(1)	(1)		Common Stock	230,578.6	5	230,578.6	I	Partnership2
Class B Stock	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	10/26/2004		G ⁽²⁾	v	434		(1)	(1)		Common Stock	434	\$0	231,615	I	Trust1 ⁽³⁾
Class B	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	10/26/2004		G ⁽⁴⁾	v	434		(1)	(1)		Common	434	\$0	93,714	I	Trust2 ⁽⁵⁾

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.

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney 12/20/2004

** 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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