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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| AZZARELL | ss of Reporting Pers | [| 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC] | | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer : all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specif below) below) | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| (Last) (First) 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2006 | | Vice President | | |
| (Street) CHICAGO (City) | IL (State) | 60611-4213 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | ridual or Joint/Group Fi Form filed by One R Form filed by More t Person | eporting 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. | | 4. Securities | Acquired | (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,600 | A | \$7.85 | 5,600 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 5,600 | D | \$18.25 | 0 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$7.85 | 02/09/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 5,600 | 09/24/2004 | 09/24/2012 | Common Stock | 5,600 | \$0 | 15,600 | 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.

2. Sale, pursuant to a written plan which satisfies the requirements of SEC Rule 10b5-1, of shares obtained through exercise of employee stock options.

Maryon Gray by Power of <u>Attorney</u>

02/09/2006

** 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).

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