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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 Addres	ss of Reporting Person VADE	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2005		below) ent	
(Street) CHICAGO (City)	IL (State)	60611-4213 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person	orting 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)			4. Securities Disposed Of			Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/19/2005		M ⁽¹⁾		1,000	Α	\$9.5625	1,006	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2005		S		1,000	D	\$18.5	6	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)		5. Number of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ate	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	4			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$9.5625	01/19/2005		M ⁽¹⁾			1,000	09/19/2002	09/19/2010	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	7,000	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.

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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<u>Attorney</u>

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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