

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BRADLEY WADE</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 CORPORATION OF AMERICA</u> [ODC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2004 | |
| 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 | 12/13/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,500 | A | \$9.5625 | 5,506 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 2,500 | D | \$17.45 | 3,006 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 2,500 | D | \$17.65 | 506 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2004 | | S | | 500 | D | \$17.75 | 6 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 | A | \$9.5625 | 2,006 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$17.75 | 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. 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 | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$0 | | | | | | 09/23/2005 | 09/23/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 5,000 | | 5,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$6.15 | | | | | | 10/12/2003 | 10/12/2011 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$8.1875 | | | | | | 03/14/2002 | 03/14/2010 | Common Stock | 2,500 | | 2,500 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$11.25 | | | | | | 09/18/2000 | 09/18/2008 | Common Stock | 16,000 | | 16,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$11.39 | | | | | | 06/10/2005 | 06/10/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$15.125 | | | | | | 10/05/1997 | 10/05/2005 | Common Stock | 4,000 | | 4,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$9.5625 | 12/13/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,500 | 09/19/2002 | 09/19/2010 | Common Stock | 5,500 | \$0 | 14,500 | D | |

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$9.5625 | 12/14/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2,000 | 09/19/2002 | 09/19/2010 | Common Stock | 2,000 | \$0 | 12,500 | 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.

Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney

12/15/2004

** 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).

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