

OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BRADLEY WADE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OIL DRI CORPORATION OF AMERICA [ODC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/08/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2,500 | \$ 8.1875 | 2,506 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2,500 | \$ 8.1875 | 5,006 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2004 | | S | | | 2,500 | \$ 16.85 | 2,506 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2004 | | S | | | 2,500 | \$ 16.95 | 6 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 0 | | | | | 09/23/2005 09/23/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 6.15 | | | | | 10/12/2003 10/12/2011 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 9.5625 | | | | | 09/19/2002 09/19/2010 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.25 | | | | | 09/18/2000 09/18/2008 | Common Stock | 16,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.39 | | | | | 06/10/2005 06/10/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 15.125 | | | | | 10/05/1997 10/05/2005 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 8.1875 | 12/08/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,500 | 03/14/2002 03/14/2010 | Common Stock | 2,500 |

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|----------------|-----------|------------|--|------------------|-------|------------|------------|--------|--|-------|
| Stock | | | | | | | | | | |
| Options | \$ 8.1875 | 12/08/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,500 | 03/14/2002 | 03/14/2010 | Common | | 2,500 |
| (Right to buy) | | | | | | | | Stock | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BRADLEY WADE 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Maryon Gray by Power of Attorney | 12/09/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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.

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