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Top Hat Plan Exemption
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U.S. Department of Labor
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Washington, DC 20210

- Re: 1) Ball Corporation 2000 Deferred Compensation Company
Stock Plan
2) Ball Corporation 2001 Deferred Compensation Plan
3) Ball Corporation 2002 Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 29 C.F.R. Section 2520.104-23, and Title I of ERISA, I provide you with the following information:

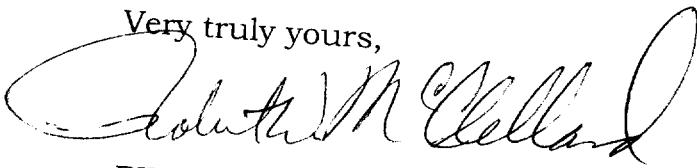
1. Ball Corporation, 10 Longs Peak Drive, Broomfield, Colorado 80021-2510.
2. Employer Identification Number: 35-0160610
3. Ball Corporation has established the Ball Corporation 2000 Deferred Compensation Company Stock Plan (2000 Plan), the Ball Corporation 2001 Deferred Compensation Plan (2001 Plan) and the Ball Corporation 2002 Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors (2002 Plan). The 2000 Plan and the 2001 Plan exist for the benefit of senior management and the benefits, when paid, are payable from the general assets of the corporation. The 2002

Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors exists only for the benefit of directors, and is payable from the general assets of the corporation.

4. The 2000 Plan covers approximately 70 participants.
5. The 2001 Plan covers approximately 350 participants.
6. The 2002 Plan covers all the directors of the Company which at the present time is 10.
7. The Effective Date of the 2000 Plan is November 1, 2000.
8. The Effective Date of the 2001 Plan is January 1, 2001.
9. The Effective Date of the 2002 Plan is January 1, 2002.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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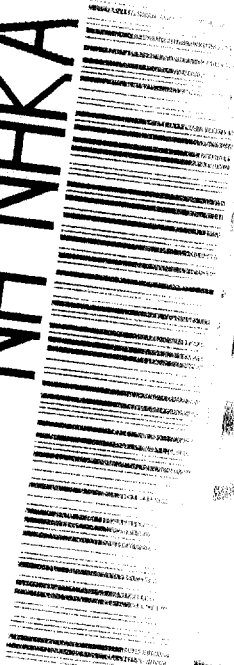
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