

SMITH DANIEL THOMAS  
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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 \*  
SMITH DANIEL THOMAS

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Vice President & Chief Acctng

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/30/2008

CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	M <sup>(1)</sup>			6,242	A \$ 0	7,757	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	S			3,742	D \$ 18	4,015	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	S			300	D \$ 18.01	3,715	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	S			200	D \$ 18.02	3,515	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	S			1,800	D \$ 18.05	1,715	D	

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Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 18.06	1,615	D
Common Stock	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 18.2	1,515	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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.92	12/30/2008	12/30/2008	M <sup>(1)</sup>	6,242	10/12/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 10/12/2011	Common Stock	6,242	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH DANIEL THOMAS 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60611-4213			Vice President & Chief Acctng	

## Signatures

/s/ Angela M. Hatseras by Power of Attorney

12/31/2008

\*\*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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