

GREIF INC

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Containers & Packaging
Sector	Basic Materials
Fiscal Year	10/31

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
SPARKS WILLIAM B JR			GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President and COO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
425 WINTER ROAD			4/7/2005					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
DELAWARE, OH 43015						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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			
Class A Common Stock	4/7/2005		M		17000	A	\$30.00	23271	D	
Class A Common Stock	4/7/2005		M		15000	A	\$31.75	38271	D	
Class A Common Stock	4/7/2005		S		32000	D	\$74.97	6271	D	
Class B Common Stock								3448	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: 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				
Class A Common Stock Options	\$30.00	4/7/2005		M		17000		9/3/1999	9/3/2007	Class A Common Stock	17000	\$30.00	92000	D	
Class A Common Stock Options	\$31.75	4/7/2005		M		15000		9/2/2000	9/2/2008	Class A Common Stock	15000	\$31.75	77000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPARKS WILLIAM B JR 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015	X		President and COO	

Signatures

**William B. Sparks,
Jr. by John K.
Dieker pursuant to
a POA filed with**

4/8/2005

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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