MATULA KRISTOPHER J

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MATULA KRISTOPHER J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC [BKI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) BUCKEYE T INC, 1001 TI			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
MEMPHIS, TN 38112				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		M	15,458	A	\$ 4.04	177,387	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		M	12,238	A	\$ 9.03	189,625	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	27,696	D	\$ 34.5032 (1)	161,929	D	
Common Stock							16,988	I	Bki Retirement Plan

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orderivative Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.03	02/03/2012		M	12,23	3 04/29/2009	04/29/2018	Common Stock	12,238
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.04	02/03/2012		M	15,45	3 04/28/2010	04/28/2019	Common Stock	15,458

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MATULA KRISTOPHER J BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112	X		President				

Signatures

Reporting Person

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**Signature of Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 23,645 shs@ \$34.50; 2,758 shs@ \$34.51; 189 shs@ \$34.52; 100 shs@ \$34.53; 100 shs@ \$34.54; 400 shs@ \$34.55; 404 shs@ \$34.56; and 100 shs@ \$34.57.

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