

CROWE JOHN B
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
CROWE JOHN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC
[BKI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES
INC, 1001 TILLMAN STREET

(Street)

MEMPHIS, TN 38112

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	12/12/2012		M		9,282	A	\$ 9.03	389,068	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2012		S		9,282	D	\$ 28.011	379,786	D	
Common Stock								25,395	I	Bki Retirement Plan

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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.03	12/12/2012		M	9,282	04/29/2009 ⁽²⁾ 04/29/2018	Common Stock	9,282

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWE JOHN B BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112	X		Chairman, CEO	

Signatures

John B. Crowe 12/13/2012

__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) 6,982 shs @ \$28.00; 500 shs @ \$28.01; 300 shs @ \$28.04; 100 shs @ \$28.03; 100 shs @ \$28.02; 100 shs @ \$28.0119; 100 shs @ \$28.0442; 100 shs @ \$28.0225; 100 shs @ \$28.005; 100 shs @ \$28.0025; 100 shs @ \$28.05; 100 shs @ \$28.0016; 100 shs @ \$28.015; and \$28.13

(2) Stock Options issued pursuant to the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan; the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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