

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES
INC, 1001 TILLMAN STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2012

MEMPHIS, TN 38112

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | M | A | 25,000 | \$ 10.77 | 379,101 D |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2012 | | S | D | 25,000 | \$ 35.1942 (1) | 354,101 D |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2012 | | M | A | 800 | \$ 10.77 | 354,901 D |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2012 | | S | D | 800 | \$ 35.75 (2) | 354,101 D |
| | | | | | | 24,570 | I |

Common
Stock

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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of S |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.77 | 03/14/2012 | | M | 25,000 | 04/20/2005 04/20/2014 | Common Stock | 25, | |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.77 | 03/14/2012 | | M | 800 | 04/20/2005 04/20/2014 | Common Stock | 8 | |

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 03/15/2012

**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).

2200@\$35.13; 1571@\$35.00; 1200@\$35.1450; 1200@\$35.10; 1100@\$35.12; 1100@\$35.15; 1100@\$35.40; 1027@\$35.06;
1000@\$35.18; 973@\$35.07; 800@\$35.23; 700@\$35.14; 700@\$35.17; 600@\$35.11; 600@\$35.26; 600@\$35.24; 600@\$35.31;

(1) 600@\$35.29; 600@\$35.28; 600@\$35.36; 600@\$35.48; 400@\$35.02; 400@\$35.09; 400@\$35.20; 400@\$35.19; 400@\$35.30;
400@\$35.44; 300@\$35.16; 300@\$35.08; 300@\$35.21; 300@\$35.22; 300@\$35.50; 300@\$35.46; 200@\$35.05; 200@\$35.37;
200@\$35.45; 100@\$35.39; 100@\$35.27; 100@\$35.32; 100@\$35.38; 100@\$35.35; 100@\$35.49; 100@\$35.5025; and 29@\$35.01.

(2) 798@\$35.75; and 2@\$35.80

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