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Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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., C/O 1001 TILLMAN STREET

(Street)

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

07/24/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Sr VP, Human Resources

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

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Person

MEMPHIS, TN 38112

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/26/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	1,301 A \$ 0	15,927	D	
Common Stock	07/26/2012		A ⁽²⁾	3,380 A \$ 0	19,307	D	
Common Stock					3,020	I	BKI Retirement Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.39	07/24/2012		A	2,233	07/24/2013 ⁽³⁾ 07/24/2022	Common Stock 2,233

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
reed terrence m BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC. C/O 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112	Sr VP, Human Resources

Signatures

Terrence M. Reed 07/26/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Restricted Stock ("RS") issued pursuant to the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan; the RS will vest in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Each Performance Share represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. The Performance Shares vest on June 30, 2015 upon achievement of certain performance criteria based on total shareholder return ("TSR") from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 (the "Performance Period"). If the Company's TSR is in the 25th percentile of its Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period (the "Threshold"), then 25% of the Performance Shares will vest. If the Company's TSR is above the Threshold, but at or below

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the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, then the Performance Shares will vest as follows: 25% of the Performance Shares plus an additional 1% of the Performance Shares for each full percentile that the Company's TSR exceeds the 25th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR is above the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, but below the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, then the Performance Shares will vest as follows: 50% of the Performance Shares plus an additional 2% of the Performance Shares for each full percentile that the Company's TSR exceeds the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR equals or exceeds the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period (the "Target"), then 100% of the Performance Shares will vest.

(3) Options will vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of grant date.

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