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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO] A Dutz Damon Darrell (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 221 EAST HICKORY STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person MANKATO, MNÂ 56001 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â None Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisab	le and	3. Title and A	Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Inst		Price of		Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2001(1)	12/01/2010	Common Stock	500	\$ 20.125	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2002(1)	12/03/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 16.98	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2003(1)	12/02/2012	Common Stock	1,300	\$ 10.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/23/2004(1)	12/23/2013	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 11.8	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2005(1)	12/01/2014	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 10.76	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Dutz Damon Darrell 221 EAST HICKORY STREET MANKATO, MN 56001	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		

Signatures

/s/David A. Christensen, Attorney in Fact for Damon D.

Dutz

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option vests in annual cumulative installments of 33% one year from date of grant, beginning this date.

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