

CROWE JOHN B  
Form 4  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2012

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

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  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2012                           |  | M                              | V   | 14,718 A \$ 9.03  | 395,504  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 11,018 D \$ 28  | 384,486  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 3,600 D \$ 28.0001  | 380,886  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 100 D \$ 28.01  | 380,786  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/12/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 1,000 D \$ 0  | 379,786  | D                                 |

|                 |  |        |   |                           |
|-----------------|--|--------|---|---------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock |  | 25,395 | I | Bki<br>Retirement<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 9.03  | 12/11/2012                              |   | M                                    | 14,718   | 04/29/2009 <sup>(1)</sup><br>04/29/2018                        | Common<br>Stock  | 14,718                              |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

John B. Crowe                      12/12/2012  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

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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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