

Dowdell Douglas L
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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 *
 Dowdell Douglas L

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/30/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP, Specialty Fibers

BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES
 INC., 1001 TILLMAN STREET

(Street)

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

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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/30/2010 | | M | | 4,264 | A | \$ 4.04 | 36,174 | | D |
| Common Stock | 04/30/2010 | | M | | 7,716 | A | \$ 9.03 | 43,890 | | D |
| Common Stock | 04/30/2010 | | S | | 11,980 | D | \$ 15 | 31,910 | | D |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.04 | 04/30/2010 | | M | 4,264 | 04/28/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 04/28/2019 | Common Stock | 4,264 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.03 | 04/30/2010 | | M | 7,716 | 04/29/2009 ⁽²⁾ 04/29/2018 | Common Stock | 7,716 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Dowdell Douglas L BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC. 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112 | | | Sr VP, Specialty Fibers | |

Signatures

Douglas G. Dowdell
Date: 05/03/2010

__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).
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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 annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

- (2) Stock Options issued pursuant to the 2007 Incentive Omnibus 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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