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FORM 11-K

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]**
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

“ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]**
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-12001

401(K) SAVINGS ACCOUNT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
OF THE EXTON FACILITY

(Title of Plan)

ALLEGHENY TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

(Name of Issuer of securities held pursuant to the Plan)

1000 Six PPG Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-5479

(Address of Plan and principal executive offices of Issuer)

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

(Unaudited)

	December 31	
	2011	2010
Investments at fair value:		
Interest in registered investment companies	\$ 310,475	\$ 348,990
Interest in common collective trusts	30,965	432
Interest in synthetic investment contracts	17,779	16,099
Corporate common stocks	1,604	1,830
Interest-bearing cash and cash equivalents		3,011
Total investments at fair value	360,823	370,362
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(715)	(488)
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 360,108	\$ 369,874

See accompanying notes.

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401(k) Savings Account Plan for Employees of the Exton Facility

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

(Unaudited)

Year Ended December 31, 2011

Investment income:	
Net loss from interest in registered investment companies	\$ (1,381)
Net loss from interest in common collective trusts	(1,339)
Net loss on corporate common stock	(227)
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	1,897
Other income	1,005
 Total investment loss	 (45)
 Distributions to participants	 (9,105)
Fees and Administrative expenses	(616)
	(9,721)
 Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	 (9,766)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	369,874
 Net assets available for benefits at end of year	 \$ 360,108

See accompanying notes.

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401(k) Savings Account Plan for Employees of the Exton Facility

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2011

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates and Basis of Accounting

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements, accompanying notes and supplemental schedules. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The financial statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value. Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are reported at fair value in the Plan's statement of net assets available for benefits with a corresponding adjustment to reflect these investments at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The contract value represents contributions plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

Participant Loans

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses were recorded as of December 31, 2011 or 2010. If a participant ceases to make a note repayment and the plan administrator deems the note to be a distribution, the note receivable balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-04, Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU 2011-04 was issued to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU 2011-04 changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements particularly for Level 3 fair value measurements. This pronouncement is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited. The new guidance will require prospective application. The adoption of this pronouncement is not expected to have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan

The 401(k) Savings Account Plan for Employees of the Exton Facility, formerly known as the Allegheny Rodney (ALstrip) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) is a defined contribution plan and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Exton Facility was closed in December 2007.

The purpose of the Plan was to encourage employee thrift by permitting eligible employees of the Exton facility of Allegheny Ludlum LLC (the Company) to defer a part of their compensation and contribute such deferral to the Plan. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated (ATI, the Plan Sponsor). The Plan allowed employees to contribute a portion of eligible wages each pay period through payroll deductions subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. The Plan allowed participants to direct their contributions to any of the investment alternatives. Unless otherwise specified by the participant, contributions are made to the QDIA (Qualified Default Investment Alternative), The Vanguard Target Retirement Fund that most closely matches the participants 65th birthday date (e.g. Vanguard Target Retirement Income 2020 Fund).

Separate accounts are maintained by the Plan Sponsor for each participant. Trustee fees and asset management fees charged by the Plan's trustee, Mercer Trust Company, for the administration of all funds are charged against net assets available for benefits of the respective fund. Certain other expenses of administering the Plan are paid by the Plan Sponsor.

Participants may make in-service and hardship withdrawals as outlined in the plan document. Active employees could borrow up to 50% of their vested account balances minus any outstanding loans. The loan amounts are further limited to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$50,000, and an employee was able to obtain no more than three loans at one time. Interest rates were determined based on commercially accepted criteria, and payment schedules vary based on the type of the loan. General-purpose loans are repaid over 6 to 60 months, and primary residence loans are repaid over periods from 6 months up to 180 months. Payments were made by payroll deductions.

Further information about the Plan, including eligibility, vesting, contributions, and withdrawals, is contained in the plan documents. Copies of these documents are available from the Plan Sponsor.

3. Investments

The BNY Mellon Stable Value Fund (the Fund) invests in guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) and actively managed structured or synthetic investment contracts (SICs). The GICs are promises by a bank or insurance company to repay principal plus a fixed rate of return through contract maturity. SICs differ from GICs in that there are specific assets supporting the SICs and these assets are owned by the Plan. The bank or insurance company issues a wrapper contract that allows participant-directed transactions to be made at contract value. The assets supporting

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3. Investments (continued)

the SICs are comprised of government agency bonds, corporate bonds, asset-backed securities (ABOs), common collective trusts (CCT) and pooled separate account, and collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs).

Interest crediting rates on the GICs in the Fund are determined at the time of purchase. The Fund had no GIC investments for the periods presented. Interest crediting rates on the SICs are either: (1) set at the time of purchase for a fixed term and crediting rate, (2) set at the time of purchase for a fixed term and variable crediting rate, or (3) set at the time of purchase and reset monthly within a constant duration. A constant duration contract may specify a duration of 2.5 years, and the crediting rate is adjusted monthly based upon quarterly rebalancing of eligible 2.5 year duration investment instruments at the time of each resetting; in effect the contract never matures.

Average yields for all fully-benefit responsive investment contracts for the year ended December 31, 2011 was as follows:

Based on actual earnings	2.54%
Based on interest rate credited to participants	2.31%

Although it is management's intention to hold the investment contracts in the Fund until maturity, certain investment contracts provide for adjustments to contract value for withdrawals made prior to maturity. If the Plan were deemed to be in violation of ERISA or lose its tax exempt status, among other events, the issuers of the fully responsive investment contracts would have the ability to terminate the contracts and settle at an amount different from contract value.

Certain investments are subject to restrictions or limitations if the Plan Sponsor decided to entirely exit an investment. Investments in registered investment companies and the Fund may require at least 30 days prior notice to completely withdraw from the investments. The targeted date fund investments held in common collective trusts currently do not require the prior approval of the investment manager if the Plan Sponsor decides to entirely exit these investments, but prior trade date notification is necessary to effect timely securities settlement or delivery of an investment's liquidation and transfer to another investment.

The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2011.

Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	\$ 216,659
Alliance Bernstein Small Mid Cap Value Fund	23,800
MSIF Small Company Growth Fund	22,207
American Funds Europacific Growth Fund	21,854

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with accounting standards, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The accounting standards establish a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

Determination of Fair Value

Fair value is based upon quoted market prices, where available. If listed prices or quotes are not available, fair value is based upon models that primarily use, as inputs, market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, equity or debt prices, foreign exchange rates and credit curves. In addition to market information, models may also incorporate transaction details, such as maturity. Valuation adjustments, such as liquidity valuation adjustments, may be necessary when the Plan is unable to observe a recent market price for a financial instrument that trades in inactive (or less active) markets. Liquidity adjustments are not taken for positions classified within Level 1 (as defined below) of the fair value hierarchy.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Valuation Hierarchy

The three levels of inputs to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

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4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation Methodologies

The valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value, including their general classification based on the fair value hierarchy, includes the following:

Cash and cash equivalents Where the net asset value (NAV) is a quoted price in a market that is active, it is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases, NAV is a quoted price in a market that is not active, or is based on quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and these investments are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Corporate common stocks These investments are valued at the closing price reported on the major market on which the individual securities are traded. Substantially all common stock is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Common collective trust funds and pooled separate accounts These investments are investment vehicles valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in a market that is not active and classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Registered investment companies These investments are public investment vehicles valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. Where the NAV is a quoted price in a market that is active, it is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases, NAV is a quoted price in a market that is not active, or is based on quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and these investments are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Corporate debt instruments, U.S. government and federal agency obligations, U.S. government-sponsored entity obligations, ABOs, CMOs and other Where quoted prices are available in an active market, the investments are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available for the specific security, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. When quoted market prices for the specific security are not available in an active market, they are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Synthetic investment contracts Fair value is based on the underlying investments. The underlying investments include government agency bonds, corporate bonds, CCTs, a pooled separate account, ABOs and CMOs. Because inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, synthetic investment contracts are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following tables present the financial instruments carried at fair value by caption on the statements of net assets available for benefits and by category of the valuation hierarchy (as described above). The Plan had no assets classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. There were no reclassifications of assets between levels of the valuation hierarchy for the periods presented.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

December 31, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Interest in registered investment companies (a)	\$ 310,475	\$	\$ 310,475
Interest in common collective trusts (b)		30,965	30,965
Interest in synthetic investment contracts (c)		17,779	17,779
Corporate common stock (d)	1,604		1,604
Total assets at fair value	\$ 312,079	\$ 48,744	\$ 360,823

- a) This class includes approximately 87% U.S. equity funds, 7% non-U.S. equity funds, 1% balanced funds, and 5% fixed income funds.
- b) This class includes approximately 8% fixed income funds and 92% target dated funds. The target dated funds employ a strategy designed to become more conservative over time as the participant approaches the age of retirement.
- c) This class includes approximately 13% government and government agency bonds, 1% corporate bonds, 3% residential mortgage-backed securities, 7% commercial mortgage-backed securities, 11% pooled separate accounts, 63% common/collective trusts, and 2% asset-backed securities. The CCTs within this asset class employ a strategy designed to satisfy investors seeking current income and capital appreciation.
- d) Comprised of ATI common stock.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

December 31, 2010	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Interest in registered investment companies (a)	\$ 348,990	\$	\$ 348,990
Interest in common collective trusts (b)		432	432
Interest in synthetic investment contracts (c)		16,099	16,099
Corporate common stock (d)	1,830		1,830
Interest-bearing cash and cash equivalents	3,011		3,011
 Total assets at fair value	 \$ 353,831	 \$ 16,531	 \$ 370,362

a) This class includes approximately 80% U.S. equity funds, 7% non-U.S. equity funds, 1% balanced funds, 8% target date funds, and 4% fixed income funds.

b) This class includes approximately 100% fixed income funds.

c) This class includes approximately 23% government and government agency bonds, 22% corporate bonds, 26% residential mortgage-backed securities, 11% commercial mortgage-backed securities, 4% short-term investments, and 14% asset-backed securities.

d) Comprised of ATI common stock.

5. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated May 13, 2010, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The earliest tax year open to U.S. Federal examination is 2008.

6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. However, no such action may deprive any participant or beneficiary under the Plan of any vested right.

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7. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risk such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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EIN 25-1792394 Plan 002

Schedule H, Line 4(I) Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2011

Description	Current Value
Registered Investment Companies	
Alliance Bernstein Small Mid Cap Value Fund	\$ 23,800
American Funds Europacific Growth Fund	21,854
American Funds Growth Fund of America	2,460
MFS Value Fund	7,482
MSIF Small Company Growth Fund	22,207
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	216,659
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	16,013
Total Registered Investment Companies	\$ 310,475
Corporate Common Stock	
Allegheny Technologies Incorporated*	\$ 1,604
	1,604
Common Collective Trusts	
Mellon Stable Value Fund of The Bank of New York Mellon	\$ 446
The Bank of New York Collective Trust Government Short Term Investment Fund of the Bank of New York Mellon	2,035
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	15,348
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	9,640
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	154
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	3,342
Adjustment from fair to book value	(12)
	\$ 30,953
Fixed Maturity Synthetic Contracts	
CMBS, BACM 2002-2 A3	\$ 64
CMBS, BACM 2005-3 A3A	209
GNMA Project Loans, GNR 06-51 A	46
Bank of America, N.A. Wrap contract	(8)
Bank of America, N.A. Fixed Maturity Synthetic Contract 03-040	311
CMBS, CDCMT 2002-FX1D1	165
CNP 2005-A A2	61
Freddie Mac, FHR 2891 NB	48
CMBS, MLMT 05-CIP1 A2	224
CMBS, CD05-CD1 A2 FX	39
State Street Bank Wrap contract	(5)
State Street Bank Fixed Maturity Synthetic Contract 105028	532
BMWOT 2011-A A3	82
CGCMT 2004-C1 A3	29

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Schedule H, Line 4(I) Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2011

Description	Current Value
CSFB 2003-CK2 A4	42
FHR 3814 KE	68
FHR 3841 NE	69
FHR 3864 CA	69
FHR 3874 DH	110
FHR 3909 UG	224
FNMA 0.9 11/07/14	123
FNR 2011-23 AB	67
FNR 2011-32 QB	71
FNR 2011-38 AG	68
FNR 2011-69 TB	103
FNR 2011-74 BA	71
GCCFC 2003-C2 A3	20
GE 1 7/8 09/16/13	33
GNR 2009-122 DG	105
GSMS 2004-GG2 A4	34
HAROT 11-1 A3	41
JPMCC 2005-LDP1 A4	117
LBUBS 2004-C1 A4	99
MLMT 2004-MKB1 A4	81
MSC 2004-T15 A4	97
T 0 3/4 06/15/14	529
T 0 3/8 11/15/14	1,271
TAOT 2011-A A3	41
UST 0 3/4 12/15/13	28
WBCMT 2006-C29 A2	3
WOART 2011-A A3	39
United of Omaha Wrap contract	(82)
United of Omaha Fixed Maturity Synthetic #SVW 15102	3,652
FHR 2934 OC	19
Natixis Financial Products Wrap contract	(0)
Natixis Financial Products Fixed Maturity Synthetic Contract #1245-01	19
Total Fixed Maturity Synthetic Contracts	\$ 4,514
Separate Account Synthetic Contracts	
ING Life & Annuity Co.	\$ 1,953
Natixis Wrap contract	(67)
Total Separate Account Synthetic Contracts	\$ 1,886

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Schedule H, Line 4(I) Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2011

Description	Current Value
<u>Constant Duration Synthetic Contracts</u>	
BlackRock, 1-3 Year Government Bond Index Fund	\$ 169
BlackRock, 1-3 Year Credit Bond Index Fund	678
BlackRock, Asset-Backed Sec Index Fund	1,130
BlackRock, Comm Mortgage-Backed Sec Fund	170
BlackRock, Int Term Credit Bond Index Fund	1,247
BlackRock, Int Term Government Bond Index Fund	679
BlackRock Global Investors, Long Term Government Bond Index Fund	344
BlackRock, Mortgage-Backed Sec Index Fund	1,246
Monumental Life Ins. Co. Wrap contract	(261)
Monumental Life Ins. Co. Constant Duration Synthetic Contract MDA00895TR	5,402
Prudential Core Conservative Intermediate Bond Fund	5,554
Prudential Wrap Contract	(280)
Prudential Constant Duration Synthetic Contract GA 62215	5,274
Total Constant Duration Synthetic Contracts	\$ 10,676
*Party-in-interest	

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the administrators of the Plan have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALLEGHENY TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

**401(K) SAVINGS ACCOUNT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF
THE EXTON FACILITY**

Date: June 25, 2012

By: /s/ Karl D. Schwartz
Karl D. Schwartz
Controller and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)

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