

CROWE JOHN B  
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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(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)  
MEMPHIS, TN 38112  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/16/2012

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

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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**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	07/16/2012		M	A	\$ 10.77	369,277	D
Common Stock	07/16/2012		M	A	\$ 7.595	379,658	D
Common Stock	07/16/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 30.0049 <sup>(2)</sup>	345,077	D
Common Stock						24,849	I Bki Retirement Plan

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.77	07/16/2012		M	24,200	04/20/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/20/2014	Common Stock
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.595	07/16/2012		M	10,381	04/20/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/20/2014	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

John B. Crowe                      07/17/2012

\_\_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).

(1) Sale pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan.

23,181 shs@ \$30.00; 1,019 shs@ \$30.0001; 2,181 shs@ \$30.0006; 1,200 shs@ \$30.0050; 4,600 shs@ \$30.0100; 400 shs@ \$30.0200; 350

(2) shs@ \$30.0300; 600 shs@ \$30.0400; 450 shs@ \$30.0500; 100 shs@ \$30.0550; 100 shs@ \$30.0600; 100 shs@ \$30.0800; 100 shs@ \$30.0850; 100 shs@ \$30.0950; and 100 shs@ \$30.1300.

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(3) The option becomes exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of grant.

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