

CROWE JOHN B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
07/17/2012

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	07/17/2012		M	A	8,419	\$ 7.595	353,496 D
Common Stock	07/17/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	8,419	\$ 30.0635	345,077 D
Common Stock							24,849 I Bki Retirement 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 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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.595	07/17/2012		M	8,419	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.

(2) 600 shs@\$30.02; 100 shs@\$30.04; 300 shs@\$30.01; 198 shs@\$30.0050; 100 shs@\$30.025; 100 shs@\$30.08; 100 shs@\$30.0950; 400 shs@\$30.10; 200 shs@\$30.0350; 400 shs@\$30.06; 300 shs@\$30.05; 1232 shs@\$30.00; 546 shs@\$30.09; 200 shs@\$30.11; 100 shs@\$30.17; 200 shs@\$30.2150; 100 shs@\$30.33; 200 shs@\$30.21; 65 shs@\$30.25; 35 shs@\$30.30; 200 shs@\$30.28; 100 shs@\$30.19; 104 shs@\$30.13; 119 shs@\$30.12; and 2420 shs@\$30.03.

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

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