

Holland Lewis E
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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 *
 Holland Lewis E

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)
 12/13/2010

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

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 | 12/13/2010 | | M | | | 10,000 | A | \$ 7.57 | 43,606 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 | | S | | | 10,000 | D | \$ 21.0142 | 33,606 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 | | M | | | 1,550 | A | \$ 8.48 | 35,156 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 | | S | | | 1,550 | D | \$ 21.0142 | 33,606 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 | | M | | | 8,450 | A | \$ 8.48 | 42,056 | D | |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.57 | 12/13/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 10,000 | 11/03/2006 11/03/2015 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.48 | 12/13/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 1,550 | 09/13/2006 09/13/2015 | Common Stock | 1,550 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.48 | 12/13/2010 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 8,450 | 09/13/2006 09/13/2015 | Common Stock | 8,450 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Holland Lewis E BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC. 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112 | | X | | |

Signatures

Lewis E.
Holland 12/14/2010

**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).

(1) The stock option becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2) The stock option becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(3) The stock option becomes exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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