

Rajamaa Marko M
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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 *
Rajamaa Marko M

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)
12/15/2010

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

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 | 12/15/2010 | | M | | | 20,000 | A | \$ 11.25 | 65,723 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2010 | | S | | | 20,000 | D | \$ 20.396 | 45,723 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2010 | | M | | | 12,000 | A | \$ 10.77 | 57,723 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2010 | | S | | | 12,000 | D | \$ 20.396 | 45,723 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.25 | 12/15/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 20,000 | 04/23/2003 04/23/2012 | Common Stock | 20 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.77 | 12/15/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 12,000 | 04/20/2005 04/20/2014 | Common Stock | 12 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rajamaa Marko M BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC. 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112 | | | Sr VP, Nonwovens | |

Signatures

Marko M. Rajamaa 12/15/2010

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

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