

Dowdell Douglas L
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Dowdell Douglas L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC
 [BKI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP, Specialty Fibers

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES
 INC., 1001 TILLMAN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/30/2010

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
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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. 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	04/30/2010		M	4,264 A \$ 4.04	36,174	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2010		M	7,716 A \$ 9.03	43,890	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2010		S	11,980 D \$ 15	31,910	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.04	04/30/2010		M	4,264	04/28/2010 ⁽¹⁾ 04/28/2019	Common Stock	4,264
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.03	04/30/2010		M	7,716	04/29/2009 ⁽²⁾ 04/29/2018	Common Stock	7,716

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dowdell Douglas L BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC. 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112			Sr VP, Specialty Fibers	

Signatures

Douglas G. Dowdell
Date: 05/03/2010

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).
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Stock Options issued pursuant to the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan; the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

- (2) Stock Options issued pursuant to the 2007 Incentive Omnibus Compensation Plan; the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable in three equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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