

Rajamaa Marko M
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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 *
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)

BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES
INC., 1001 TILLMAN STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2010

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

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 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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