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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MATULA KRISTOPHER J			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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/26/2011					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President					
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 					
MEMPHIS,	TN 38112							Person	whole than one	Reporting			
(City)	(State) ((Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Ac	Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	n Date, if			Owned Indirect (I) Own							
Common Stock	07/26/2011			A <u>(1)</u>	4,791	А	\$0	154,990	D				
Common Stock	07/26/2011			A <u>(2)</u>	5,989	А	\$0	160,979	D				
Common Stock								16,917	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.49	07/26/2011		A	7,492 (<u>3)</u>	07/26/2012	07/26/2022	Common Stock	7,492

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
MATULA KRISTOPHER J BUCKEYE TECHNOLOGIES INC 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112	Х		President			
Signatures						

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**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).
- Restricted Stock ("RS") issued pursuant to the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan; the RS will vest in three equal annual (1)installments beginning on the first anniversary of grant date.
- (2) Each Performance Share represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. The Performance Shares vest on June 30, 2013 upon achievement of certain performance criteria based on total shareholder return ("TSR") from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 (the "Performance Period"). If the Company's TSR is in the 25th percentile of its Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period (the "Threshold"), then 25% of the Performance Shares will vest. If the Company's TSR is above the Threshold, but at or below

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the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, then the Performance Shares will vest as follows: 25% of the Performance Shares plus an additional 1% of the Performance Shares for each full percentile that the Company's TSR exceeds the 25th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR is above the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, but below the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period, then the Performance Shares will vest as follows: 50% of the Performance Shares plus an additional 2% of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR exceeds the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR exceeds the 50th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR equals or exceeds the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR equals or exceeds the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the Company's TSR equals or exceeds the 75th percentile of the Peer Grp TSR at the end of the Performance Period. If the 100% of the Performance Shares will vest.

(3) Options will vest and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on the first of grant date.

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