

Dowdell Douglas L
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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
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. V.P., Special Fibers

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1001 TILLMAN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2006

MEMPHIS, TN 38112
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/14/2006		M		7,000 A \$ 10.64	19,265	D
Common Stock	12/14/2006		M		20,000 A \$ 10.77	39,265	D
Common Stock	12/14/2006		S		27,000 D \$ 12.2499	12,265	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		3,000 A \$ 10.64	15,265	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		3,000 D \$ 12.106	12,265	D

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Common Stock	9,730	I	BKI Retirement Plan
Common Stock	3,380	I	By Spouse

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)	Am or Num of S
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 10.64	12/14/2006		M	7,000	04/19/2006 04/19/2015	Common Stock	7,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.64	12/15/2006		M	3,000	04/19/2006 04/19/2015	Common Stock	3,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 10.77	12/14/2006		M	20,000	04/20/2005 04/20/2014	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dowdell Douglas L 1001 TILLMAN STREET MEMPHIS, TN 38112			Sr. V.P., Special Fibers	

Signatures

Douglas L.
Dowdell

12/15/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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