

Schafer Edward T  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Schafer Edward T</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST,Â 3015 16TH STREET SW, SUITE 100</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>MINOT,Â NDÂ 58701</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/01/2011</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>BION ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES INC [BNET]</p> <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>                 (give title below) (specify below)<br/>                 Executive Vice Chairman</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 9,446   | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                              | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | 01/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> | 01/15/2018      | Common Stock | 300,000                    | \$ 2.25             | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | 01/01/2011                | 01/15/2018      | Common Stock | 200,000                    | \$ 3                | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Schafer Edward T<br>C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST<br>3015 16TH STREET SW, SUITE 100<br>MINOT, ND 58701 | Â X           | Â         | Â Executive Vice Chairman | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Edward T. Schafer 01/04/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Of the 300,000 shares, 100,000 shall vest on each of January 1, 2012, January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

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