

Dowdell Douglas L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

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

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P., Special Fibers

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

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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**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).

\*\* 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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