BALCHEM CORP Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MINIGER ROBERT T	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	BALCHEM CORP [BCPC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION, P O BOX 600	(Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2008	Director 10% Owner Other (give title below) Other (specify below) VP Human Resources		
(Street)	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		
NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	01/12/2008		A	1,000	A	\$ 0.0666	1,000 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	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)	\$ 20.41	01/12/2008		A	10,000	(2)	01/11/2018	Common Stock	0	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Rela	tionships		

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINIGER ROBERT T C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION P O BOX 600 NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958

VP Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ Robert T. 01/16/2008 Miniger

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 is subject to a repurchase option in favor of the Issuer and to restrictions on transfer until it vests in accordance with the provisions of the Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement dated January 12, 2008 between the Issuer and the Reporting Person.
- (2) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3

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