

Backus William A.
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Backus William A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BALCHEM CORPORATION, 52
SUNRISE PARK ROAD

(Street)

NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BALCHEM CORP [BCPC]

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

02/28/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below) below)

CAO, Assistant Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/28/2012		A	2,500 A \$ 0	10,309 ⁽²⁾	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. 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 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)	\$ 29.06	02/28/2012		A		12,000		<u>(3)</u>	02/28/2022	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Backus William A. BALCHEM CORPORATION 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958	CAO, Assistant Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Matthew Houston, Attorney
in Fact

03/01/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- Ownership of the restricted stock does not vest in Reporting person until four years from the grant date and is further subject to
- (1) restrictions on transfer in accordance with the provisions of a Restricted Stock Grant Agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person
 - (2) This filing amends the "Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction" to include the most current amount of shares owned directly by Mr. Backus in his 401(k)/profit sharing account.
 - (3) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3

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