

McKenna James Owen III
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 McKenna James Owen III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FORWARD INDUSTRIES INC
 [FORD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1801 GREEN ROAD, SUITE E
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and CFO

POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Forward Industries Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/18/2008		A ⁽¹⁾		\$ 6,000 ⁽¹⁾ 2.07 ⁽²⁾ 12,000 ⁽³⁾	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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McKenna James Owen III 1801 GREEN ROAD, SUITE E POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064			VP and CFO	

Signatures

James McKenna 12/22/2008
 __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) These shares are restricted shares granted under the Forward Industries Inc. Equity Incentive Plan and vest as follows: 2,000 on December 18, 2009, 2,000 on December 18, 2010, and 2,000 on December 18, 2011.
- (2) Based on the closing market price on December 18, 2008.
- (3) Includes 4,000 of unvested restricted shares previously granted under the Forward Industries Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.

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