

Houston Matthew David
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Houston Matthew David

(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)
 12/07/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 General Counsel/Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 <u>(1)</u>	12/07/2010		A	1,030 A \$ 0.0667	10,355 <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	12/08/2010		F	815 D \$ 32.14	9,540 <u>(4)</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)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.21	12/07/2010		A	5,300	(3) 12/07/2020	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Houston Matthew David BALCHEM CORPORATION 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958	Director 10% Owner Officer General Counsel/Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Matthew D.
Houston

12/09/2010

**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).
- (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 December 7, 2010 between the Issuer and the Reporting Person.
On December 8, 2006, the Company granted 2,250 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program.
- (2) The stock was subject to a repurchase option in favor of the Issuer and to restrictions on transfer until it vested in accordance with the provisions of the Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement on December 8, 2010. 815 of the 2,250 shares that vested December 8, 2010 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting.
- (3) This filing amends the "Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction" to include the most current amount of shares owned directly by Mr. Houston in his 401(k)/profit sharing account.
- (4) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3

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