

BENDURE RICHARD ALLEN
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BENDURE RICHARD ALLEN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION, 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD

(Street)

NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/03/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BALCHEM CORP [NASDAQ: BC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

5. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	20,000	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option	12/03/2013 ⁽²⁾	12/02/2022	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 35.79	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENDURE RICHARD ALLEN C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958	Â	Â	Â Chief Operating Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Richard A. Bendure, by Attorney in Fact, Matthew Houston

12/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
Ownership of the restricted stock vests in Reporting Person on a straight-line basis 8.33% every ninety (90) days, during the three (3) years following the grant date and is further subject to restrictions on transfer in accordance with the provisions of a Restricted Stock Grant Agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person dated December 1, 2012.
- (2) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3

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