

Backus William A.
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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 *
Backus William A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)
02/13/2019

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)
Chief Accounting Officer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2019 | | A | | 3,840 (1) \$ 0 17,408 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2019 | | A | | 1,427 (2) \$ 0 18,835 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2019 | | F | | 761 (3) \$ 84.09 18,074 | 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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 84.09 | 02/13/2019 | | A | 3,900 | ⁽⁴⁾ 02/12/2029 | Common Stock | 3,900 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Backus William A. C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958 | | | Chief Accounting Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ William A. Backus, by Attorney in Fact, Mark Stach

02/15/2019

**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).

Ownership of the restricted stock does not vest in Reporting person until three years from 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.

(1) Acquired upon the settlement of performance shares granted on February 22, 2016 based upon a predetermined EBITDA performance target and total shareholder return against the Russell 2000 Index over a three-year period under the Company's Second Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Plan (as amended and restated effective June 20, 2013) as a result of the satisfaction of those performance criteria.

(2) 750 of the 1,405 shares that vested February 13, 2019 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting.

(3) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3.

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