

PUTNAM DANA E.  
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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)

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|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>PUTNAM DANA E.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION, 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>06/14/2012</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>BALCHEM CORP [BCPC]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)<br/>VP &amp; General Manager</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 4,645  | I   | Held in 401(k) /profit sharing account                   |
| Common Stock                       | 12,633   | D   | ^  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 14,860   | D   | ^  |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>        | 2,946  | 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)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)          | 12/10/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 12/09/2018      | Common Stock   | 27,000                     | \$ 17.28   | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)          | 12/08/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 12/07/2019      | Common Stock   | 22,500                     | \$ 21.39   | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)          | 12/06/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 12/05/2020      | Common Stock   | 20,500                     | \$ 32.21   | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)          | 02/28/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 02/28/2022      | Common Stock   | 9,224                      | \$ 29.06   | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)          | 06/14/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 02/28/2022      | Common Stock   | 2,500                      | \$ 31.02   | D  | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| PUTNAM DANA E.<br>C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION<br>52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD<br>NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958 | Â             | Â         | Â VP & General Manager | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Dana E. Putnam, by Attorney in Fact, Matthew Houston

06/19/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) This stock is subject to repurchase options in favor of the Issuer and to restrictions on transfer until is vests in accordance with the provisions of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreements, dated December 10, 2008, December 8, 2009 and December 6, 2010.  
Ownership of the restricted stock does not vest in Reporting person until four years from the grant date and is further subject to
- (2) restrictions on transfer in accordance with the provisions of a Restricted Stock Grant Agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Person dated February 28, 2012.
- (3) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3

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