

Van Kooten Bryce Chad
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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 *
 Van Kooten Bryce Chad

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD
 (Street)

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/01/2011

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)
 Exec VP & Chief Sales 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/01/2011		A	270 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2011		F	84 ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 12.11	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.11	08/01/2011		A	1,339	08/01/2012 ⁽²⁾ 08/01/2017 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	1,339

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van Kooten Bryce Chad 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD VAN BUREN, AR 72956			Exec VP & Chief Sales Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Bryce C. Van Kooten, by Clifton R. Beckham, Attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 08/03/2011

**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 grant of Restricted Stock will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning August 1, 2012 and continuing through and including August 1, 2014.
- (2) The stock option shares will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2012 and continuing through and including August 1, 2014. The stock option shares expire in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2015 and continuing through and including August 1, 2017.
- (3) The amount includes shares purchased by the reporting person from the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan that have not been previously reported.
- (4) Consists of previously awarded shares of restricted stock that vested on August 1, 2011. The Company withheld 84 shares in partial payment of the withholding taxes required to be paid.

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