

Ming Darron Ray  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Ming Darron Ray

(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)  
05/01/2009

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)  
VP-Finance, CFO & Treasurer

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	05/01/2009		A	496 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0	26,554 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)**

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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)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.88	05/01/2009		A	1,564	08/01/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/01/2015	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares  1,564

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ming Darron Ray 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD VAN BUREN, AR 72956			VP-Finance, CFO & Treasurer	

## Signatures

Darron R. Ming                      05/05/2009  
\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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 Exempt grant of Restricted Stock will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning August 1, 2010 and continuing through and including August 1, 2012.
- (2) The stock option shares will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2010 and continuing through and including August 1, 2012. The stock option shares expire in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2013 and continuing through and including August 1, 2015.
- (3) The amount includes shares purchased by the reporting person from the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan that have not been previously reported.

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