

Dutz Damon Darrell  
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Dutz Damon Darrell		(Month/Day/Year)	HICKORY TECH CORP [HTCO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
221 EAST HICKORY STREET			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Vice President	
MANKATO,Â MNÂ 56001			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**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)
None	0	D	Â

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/01/2010	Common Stock	500	\$ 20.125	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/03/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/03/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 16.98	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/02/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/02/2012	Common Stock	1,300	\$ 10.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/23/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/23/2013	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 11.8	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/01/2014	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 10.76	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Dutz Damon Darrell 221 EAST HICKORY STREET MANKATO, MN 56001	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

/s/David A. Christensen, Attorney in Fact for Damon D. Dutz 12/26/2006

\_\_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) Option vests in annual cumulative installments of 33% one year from date of grant, beginning this date.

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