

Stach Mark A
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Stach Mark A | | (Month/Day/Year) | BALCHEM CORP [BCPC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 02/15/2018 | |
| C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION,Â 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| NEW HAMPTON,Â NYÂ 10958 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (City) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (State) | | | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| (Zip) | | | General Counsel and Secretary | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 317 | D | Â |
| Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | 840 | 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 | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/23/2017 ⁽³⁾ | 02/23/2026 | Common Stock | 1,200 | \$ 60.85 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/15/2019 ⁽³⁾ | 02/15/2028 | Common Stock | 3,360 | \$ 74.57 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stach Mark A C/O BALCHEM CORPORATION 52 SUNRISE PARK ROAD NEW HAMPTON, NY 10958 | Â | Â | Â General Counsel and Secretary | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Mark A.
Stach

02/21/2018

__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) Ownership consists of 317 shares held in Reporting Person's Company 401(k)/profit sharing plan account.
 - (2) Ownership of restricted stock vests in Reporting Person 4 years following 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, dated 02/15/2018
 - (3) Options vest 20% year 1; 40% year 2; and 40% year 3

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