

USA TRUCK INC
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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 *
BECKHAM CLIFTON R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 USA TRUCK INC, 3200
 INDUSTRIAL PARK RD
 (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)
07/16/2008

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)
 President, CEO and Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 07/16/2008 | | A | V Amount (D) Price 29,952 A \$0 (1) | 60,381 | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| BECKHAM CLIFTON R USA TRUCK INC 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK RD VAN BUREN, AR 72956 | X | | President, CEO and Director | | | | | |

Signatures

Darron R. Ming,
Attorney-in-fact

07/18/2008

__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).

Exempt grant of Restricted Stock Award subject to the following vestings provisions: (1) 5% to vest each year in 2011 and 2012, (2) 10% to vest each year in 2013 to and including 2018, (3) 15% to vest each year in 2019 and 2020. Vesting is dependent upon achieving an (1) average five year trailing retained earnings annual growth rate of 10% (before dividends) to qualify for full vesting. Pro rata vesting will be applied down to 50% at a 5% growth rate. Shares that fail to vest will be forfeited and revert back to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan from which they were granted.

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