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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement USA TRUCK INC [USAK] A Burns Jeffery (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK (Check all applicable) **ROAD** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Treasurer Person VAN BUREN, ARÂ 72956 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 627 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 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<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
|  |  | Title  | Derivative<br>Security                      | Security:<br>Direct (D)                  |  |

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|                             | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |                 | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |          | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010          | 08/01/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 45                               | \$ 14.18 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 45                               | \$ 14.18 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012          | 08/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 46                               | \$ 14.18 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010          | 08/01/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 61                               | \$ 13.88 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 61                               | \$ 13.88 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012          | 08/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 61                               | \$ 13.88 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010          | 08/01/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 57                               | \$ 14.5  | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 57                               | \$ 14.5  | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012          | 08/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 56                               | \$ 14.5  | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010          | 08/01/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 77                               | \$ 11.19 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 77                               | \$ 11.19 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012          | 08/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 78                               | \$ 11.19 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 44                               | \$ 12.21 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012          | 08/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 44                               | \$ 12.21 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2013          | 08/01/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 44                               | \$ 12.21 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 27                               | \$ 18.58 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012          | 08/01/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 27                               | \$ 18.58 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2013          | 08/01/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 28                               | \$ 18.58 | D                          | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011          | 08/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 25                               | \$ 16.49 | D                          | Â |

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| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012 08/01/201  | Stock Common      | 25 | \$ 16.49 | D | Â |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----|----------|---|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2013 08/01/2010 | Common Stock      | 26 | \$ 16.49 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011 08/01/2014 | Common Stock      | 29 | \$ 13.61 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012 08/01/201  | Common<br>Stock   | 29 | \$ 13.61 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2013 08/01/201  | Common<br>Stock   | 28 | \$ 13.61 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012 08/01/201  | Common<br>Stock   | 50 | \$ 12.2  | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2013 08/01/201  | Common<br>Stock   | 50 | \$ 12.2  | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2014 08/01/201  | 7 Common<br>Stock | 49 | \$ 12.2  | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2012 08/01/201  | Common<br>Stock   | 68 | \$ 12.52 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2013 08/01/201  | Common<br>Stock   | 68 | \$ 12.52 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2014 08/01/201  | 7 Common<br>Stock | 68 | \$ 12.52 | D | Â |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                |      |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|------|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Othe |  |
| Burns Jeffery<br>3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD<br>VAN BUREN, AR 72956 | Â             | Â         | Â<br>Treasurer | Â    |  |

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Jeffery Burns, by Darron R. Ming, Attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA filed herewith 05/

05/11/2012

\*\*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).

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#### **Remarks:**

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