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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

(State)

McKenna James Owen III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FORWARD INDUSTRIES INC

[FORD]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2008

1801 GREEN ROAD, SUITE E

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Forward **Industries**

Common

Stock (1)

12/18/2008

Code V Amount (D) 6,000 $A^{(1)}$ (1)

2.07 $12,000^{(3)}$ (2)

Price

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

McKenna James Owen III 1801 GREEN ROAD, SUITE E POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064

VP and CFO

Signatures

James McKenna 12/22/2008 **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).
- These shares are restricted shares granted under the Forward Industries Inc. Equity Incentive Plan and vest as follows: 2,000 on **(1)** December 18, 2009, 2,000 on December 18, 2010, and 2,000 on December 18, 2011.
- (2) Based on the closing market price on December 18, 2008.
- (3) Includes 4,000 of unvested restricted shares previously granted under the Forward Industries Inc. Equity Incentive Plan.

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