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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of R CAMPBELL BRUCE | 2. Issuer Name an FORWARD AIR | | | · · | ol | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 430 AIRPORT ROAD | (First) | | 3. Date of Earliest T 07/31/2012 | ransaction | (Mon | th/Day/Y | ear) | [| X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO | | | |
| GREENEVILLE, TN 3 | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 1 | on-De | red, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owr | sposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | (Instr. 8) | | (A) or D (Instr. 3, | Securities Acquired a) or Disposed of (D) nstr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or mount (D) Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership Form: | Beneficial Ownership | |
| Common Stock | | 07/31/2012 | | М | | 42,643 | А | \$ 30.35 | 162,332 | D | | |
| Common Stock 07/31/2012 | | | S | | 42,643 | D | \$ 34.1301 | 119,689 | 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

| (<i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|-----|-------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | | 5. N | umber | 6. Date Exercisa | 7. Title and | | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature | |
| Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transact | ion | of E | | Expiration Date | | Amount of | | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Security | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | | Deri | ivative | - | | Underlying | | Security | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | urities | Î Î | | Securities | | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Derivative | | | | | Acq | uired | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | | (A) | | | | | | | 0 | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | | | posed of | | | | | | 1 | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | | (D) | | | | | | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | | | | (Ins and | tr. 3, 4, | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | and | 3) | | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Date | | Number | | | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | | | | of Shares | | | | |
| | | | | Coue | v | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Option | \$ 30.35 | 07/31/2012 | | М | | | 12 612 | 10/30/2008(1) | 10/20/2012 | Common Stock | 12 612 | \$ 0 | 57,357 | D | |
| (Right to | \$ 30.33 | 0//31/2012 | | 11/1 | | | 42,045 | 10/30/2008 | 10/30/2012 | Stock | 42,045 | \$0 | 57,557 | D | |
| Buy) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | Director 10% Owner Officer | | | | | | | |
| CAMPBELL BRUCE A 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745 | Х | | Chairman, President & CEO | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact | 08/01/2012 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 10/30/08.

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