

# 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 * O'CONNELL HOWARD V		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TECHNE CORP /MN/ [TECH]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2008		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
(Street) FALCON HEIGHTS, MN 55113			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							135,389	I	O'Connell Trusts	

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)**

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Director Stock Option	\$ 65.47	10/23/2008		A	5,000	10/23/2008	10/22/2018	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 0	5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 66.59					10/25/2007	10/24/2017	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 56.17					10/26/2006	10/25/2016	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 54.68					10/27/2005	10/26/2015	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 37.10					10/21/2004	10/21/2014	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 32.90					10/23/2003	10/23/2013	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 30.65					10/24/2002	10/24/2012	Common Stock	5,000		5,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 29.10					10/18/2001	10/18/2011	Common Stock	3,000		3,000	D	
Director Stock Option	\$ 52.6565					10/09/2000	10/09/2010	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'CONNELL HOWARD V 1649 QUESTWOOD DRIVE FALCON HEIGHTS, MN 55113	X			

## Signatures

Howard V. O'Connell		10/24/2008
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## 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).

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