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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Bensalah Nocair</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ENERGY RECOVERY, INC.</u> <u>1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>SAN LEANDRO CA 94577</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Energy Recovery, Inc. [ ERII ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP of Manufacturing</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/19/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>\$2.46</u>	<u>03/19/2012</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>11,062</u>		<u>(I)</u>	<u>02/15/2022</u>	<u>Common stock</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>44,248</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Vests on February 16, 2013, subject to continued employment. These option shares as initially granted would have vested based on a financial performance measure and were described in a footnote in a Form 3 previously filed for 33,186 related options with time vesting. Such vesting was amended on the transaction date to become time vesting in lieu of the performance measure.

/s/ Denise A. Winn, attorney-in-  
fact for Nocair Bensalah 03/21/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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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