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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **EVANS RICHARD B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BOWATER INC [BOW]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

05/11/2006

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) 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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or			

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	Derivative Security	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(2)	05/11/2006	A		575.374		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	575.374

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVANS RICHARD B
55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY X
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Signatures

William A. McCormick, Attorney-in-Fact

05/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 phantom stock units were allocated under the Company's Outside Directors' Stock-Based Deferred Fee Plan (the "Plan") and will be settled (on a 1-for-1 basis) at the time the reporting person ceases to be director after completing five years of service, death or
- (1) be settled (on a 1-for-1 basis) at the time the reporting person ceases to be director after completing five years of service, death or disability or change in control.
- **(2)** 1 for 1

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