

Johnson Joseph B
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Johnson Joseph B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BOWATER INC [BOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/29/2007

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

Vice President and Controller

(Street)
 GREENVILLE, SC 29601

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | Code | V | 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 Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nur of Sha |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 27.7 | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 3,611 | | 10/29/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/07/2017 | Common Stock | 3, |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽³⁾ | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 4,417 | | ⁽⁴⁾ | 01/30/2017 | Common Stock | 4, |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 26.35 | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 2,034 | | 01/01/2008 | 05/10/2016 | Common Stock | 2, |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽³⁾ | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 1,720 | | 01/24/2009 | 05/10/2016 | Common Stock | 1, |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽³⁾ | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 1,010 | | ⁽⁵⁾ | 05/10/2016 | Common Stock | 1, |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 37.295 | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 1,000 | | ⁽⁶⁾ | 01/25/2015 | Common Stock | 1, |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 45.02 | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 750 | | ⁽⁶⁾ | 01/27/2014 | Common Stock | 7 |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 40.74 | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 1,250 | | ⁽⁸⁾ | 01/28/2013 | Common Stock | 1, |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 47.025 | 10/29/2007 | | D | | | 1,250 | | ⁽⁸⁾ | 01/29/2012 | Common Stock | 1, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Johnson Joseph B 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601 | | | Vice President and Controller | |

Signatures

/s/ Joseph B.
Johnson 10/31/2007

__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).
- (1) These Restricted Stock Units vested upon consummation of the combination of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (the "Combination"), effected on October 29, 2007.

Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive an amount of AbitibiBowater common stock equal to the number of shares of Bowater common stock subject to the Restricted Stock Units multiplied by 0.52. AbitibiBowater common stock had a market value of \$36.77 per share on the effective date of the Combination.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bowater common stock.
- (3) These Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 30, 2007.

These Restricted Stock Units vest January 24, 2009 or in the event of involuntary termination without cause. If Bowater has cumulative positive earnings per share during the three-year period beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008, the total awards will vest. If Bowater has positive earnings per share for any one calendar year during the three-year period, one-third of the respective award will vest for each such year.
- (5) These Stock Options are exercisable.

Received in the Combination in exchange for stock options that represented a right to purchase an amount of Bowater common stock equal to the number of shares of AbitibiBowater common stock subject to the Stock Options divided by 0.52. The exercise price for the replaced stock options is determined by multiplying the exercise price of the Stock Options by 0.52.
- (7) These Stock Appreciation Rights are exercisable.

Received in the Combination in exchange for stock appreciation rights that represented a right to purchase an amount of Bowater common stock equal to the number of shares of AbitibiBowater common stock subject to the Stock Appreciation Rights divided by 0.52.
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