

Ellington Curtis Randolph
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Ellington Curtis Randolph		(Month/Day/Year)	BOWATER INC [BOW]	
(Last)	(First)	01/25/2005		
55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
GREENVILLE,Â SCÂ 29601			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP-Newsprint Sales	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,654.4251	I	401 (K) Plan
Common Stock	2,093	D	Â
Common Stock	150	I	IRA

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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(Instr. 4)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/22/2007	Common stock	10,000	\$ 41.875	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/27/2008	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 43.9688	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 48	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/30/2011	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 51.93	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/29/2012	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 47.025	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/28/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 40.74	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/27/2005 ⁽²⁾	01/27/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 45.02	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/25/2006 ⁽²⁾	01/25/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 37.295	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	Â <u>(3)</u>	01/26/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 41.0313	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	Â <u>(3)</u>	02/22/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 39.78	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	Â <u>(3)</u>	05/10/2010	Common Stock	21,200	\$ 54.84	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	Â <u>(4)</u>	Â <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	821.1405	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/17/2006	Common	10,000	\$ 34.875	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ellington Curtis Randolph 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601	Â	Â	Â VP-Newsprint Sales	Â

Signatures

William A. McCormick,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/02/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 options are all exercisable.
- (2) One half of the options are/were exercisable on the noted date and the remaining half are exercisable one year later unless the exercisability is accelerated by the committee administering the Plan.
- (3) These rights are all exercisable.

These phantom stock units were allocated under the Company's Compensatory Benefits Plan (the "Plan") and will be settled (on a 1-for-1 basis) upon the reporting person's retirement, death, disability, or other termination of employment. Units included in column 9 that represent an increase from the last report filed by the reporting person and are not otherwise accounted for by a transaction on this form were allocated under the Plan as of 12/31/04. Additional securities may have accrued to the reporting person's account since that date. The account is subject to revision in order to comply with requirements respecting nondiscrimination standards and limitations on contributions under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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