

GEAIR HARRY F
 Form 5
 February 11, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Geair, Harry F.
 55 East Camperdown Way
 Post Office Box 1028
 Greenville, SC 29602-1028
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bowater Incorporated (BOW)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 VP, Gen Counsel & Asst Sec
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End Year
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Common Stock

6800.39