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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *\(^*\) VAN SAUN BRUCE W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BOWATER INC [BOW]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

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

X Director

_____ 10% Owner Other (specify

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

(Street)

05/11/2006

Officer (give title Other (specification)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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

Person

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. C Securities For Beneficially (D) Owned (I) Following (Ins

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (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.

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN SAUN BRUCE W
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 (1) be settled (on a 1-for-1 basis) at the time the reporting person ceases to be a director after completing five years of service, death or
- disability or change in control.
- **(2)** 1 for 1

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