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BOWATER INC
Form 8-K
March 24, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) March 21, 2005

BOWATER INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-8712 (Commission File Number)	62-0721803 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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55 East Camperdown Way
P.O. Box 1028
Greenville, South Carolina 29602
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(864) 271-7733
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): Not applicable

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 21, 2005, Bowater's Board of Directors adopted a resolution to replace the retirement plan for outside directors with a stock-based plan in order to better align compensation with shareholder interests. For outside directors with less than five years of service (five directors), participation in the deferred stock-based plan will begin in May 2005. Outside directors with more than five years of service (four directors) will be able to choose whether to continue to participate in the previous retirement plan or to participate in the new stock-based plan. The new stock-based plan includes an annual grant of \$15,000 worth of stock-based units for each year of future service. Benefits under the retirement plan accrued as of May 2005 will either be converted to units under the new stock-based plan or remain in the previous retirement plan. The value of the stock-based units will be paid to an outside director upon termination of service on the Board provided the outside director has served at least five years.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

BOWATER INCORPORATED
(Registrant)

Date: March 24, 2005

By: /s/ James T. Wright

Name: James T. Wright
Title: Senior Vice President - Human Resources