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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Spraley David A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	BOWATER INC [BOW] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY	(Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2007	Director 10% Owner Sylventified title Other (specified below) SVP - Manufacturing			
(Street)	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) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Secu	ırities .	Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities A	cquire	d (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Disposed of (D)				Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and	5)		Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/29/2007		D	1,168.9505 (2)	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	I	401(k) Plan

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqui (A) or Dispo (D)	or posed of tr. 3, 4,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 27.7	10/29/2007		D		3,611	10/29/2007(3)	02/07/2017	Common Stock	3,611
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 27.87	10/29/2007		D		5,079	<u>(5)</u>	01/30/2017	Common Stock	5,079
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 21.065	10/29/2007		D		5,000	06/27/2009	06/27/2016	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

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SVP - Manufacturing

Signatures

/s/ William A. McCormick, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the combination of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (the "Combination"), effected on (1) October 29, 2007. Each share of Bowater common stock was exchanged for 0.52 of a share of AbitibiBowater common stock having a market value of \$36.77 per share on the effective date of the Combination.
- (2) Represents all securities acquired by the reporting person under the Bowater Incorporated Savings Plan as of October 26, 2007. Additional securities may have accrued to the reporting person's account since that date.
- (3) These Restricted Stock Units vested upon consummation of the Combination.
- 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.

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(5) These Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 30, 2007.

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