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FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Spraley David A

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/28/2007

4. Relationship of Reporting

BOWATER INC [BOW]

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP-Manufacturing

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN

WAY

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

GREENVILLE, Â SCÂ 29601

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock 406.6445 I 401(K) Plan

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

(Zip)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Derivative Security: Direct (D) Security

Title

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,611	\$ 27.7	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	01/30/2008	01/30/2010	Common Stock	5,079	\$ 27.87	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	09/27/2009	09/27/2009	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 21.065	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Spraley David A 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601	Â	Â	Sr. VP-Manufacturing	Â	

Signatures

David A.	02/00/2007
Spraley	03/09/2007
**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) Vesting of the Restricted Stock Units occurs upon the consummation of the merger of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.

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