ROLLS JOHN A

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ROLLS JOHN A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Middle)

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Last) (First) BOWATER INC [BOW] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

12/28/2005

below)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

(City)

(Instr. 3)

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

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

Reported (A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise 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) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Exercisable Date Number of Shares

Phantom

Common (2) Stock (1) 12/28/2005 470.2931 (2) 470.2931 Α Stock

Units

Reporting Owners

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

ROLLS JOHN A 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY X GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Signatures

By: William A. McCormick, Attorney 12/30/2005 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).
- **(1)** 1 for 1

These phantom stock units were allocated under the Company's Outside Directors' Stock-Based Deferred Fee Plan (the 'Plan') and will be (2) 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.

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