

VAN SAUN BRUCE W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY  
(Street)  
GREENVILLE, SC 29601  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BOWATER INC [BOW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/29/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/29/2007		D	1,500 D	0	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	10/29/2007		D		4,350	(2) (2)	Common Stock	4,350
Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Fee Plan)	(3)	10/29/2007		D		1,759.07	(3) (3)	Common Stock	1,759.07
Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Compensation Plan)	(4)	10/29/2007		D		3,180.29	(4) (4)	Common Stock	3,180.29

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN SAUN BRUCE W  
55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY X  
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

## Signatures

/s/ Bruce W.

Van Saun 10/31/2007

\*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to the combination of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (the "Combination"), effected on 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) Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive the cash value of 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. Each Restricted Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Bowater common stock and is settled in cash upon the director's ceasing to be an outside director of Bowater or other events as specified in the plan.

(3) Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with phantom stock units that are the economic equivalent of an amount of AbitibiBowater common stock equal to the number of shares of Bowater common stock subject to the Phantom Stock Units multiplied by 0.52. Each Phantom Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Bowater common stock and becomes payable in cash at the

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time the director ceases to be a director after completing five years of service, death or disability or change in control.

- (4) Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with phantom stock units that are the economic equivalent of an amount of AbitibiBowater common stock equal to the number of shares of Bowater common stock subject to the Phantom Stock Units multiplied by 0.52. Acquired as deferred compensation for the director's annual retainer and meeting fees at a price equal to 95% of the closing price of Bowater common stock on the day of deferral. Each Phantom Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Bowater common stock and becomes payable, in cash or Bowater common stock, at the election of the director, either (a) as soon as possible after they cease to be an outside director or in a stated number of years thereafter or (b) in either five or ten installments.

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