

LINDSAY RONALD T  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
LINDSAY RONALD T

(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)  
EVP-General Counsel&Secretary

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 27.7	10/29/2007	D	5,416		10/29/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/07/2017	Common Stock	5,416
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 27.87	10/29/2007	D	8,565		<sup>(3)</sup>	01/30/2017	Common Stock	8,565
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 26.35	10/29/2007	D	5,332		01/01/2008	05/10/2016	Common Stock	5,332
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(4)</sup>	10/29/2007	D	1,300		01/24/2009	05/10/2016	Common Stock	1,300
Restricted Stock Units	<sup>(4)</sup>	10/29/2007	D	1,300		<sup>(5)</sup>	05/10/2016	Common Stock	1,300
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.87	10/29/2007	D	4,580		<sup>(6)</sup>	01/30/2017	Common Stock	4,580
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.35	10/29/2007	D	5,020		01/24/2009	05/10/2016	Common Stock	5,020
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 32.07	10/29/2007	D	5,000		05/10/2006	05/10/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 37.295	10/29/2007	D	10,000		01/25/2006	01/25/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 45.02	10/29/2007	D	10,000		01/27/2005	01/27/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Phantom Stock	<sup>(8)</sup>	10/29/2007	D	352.06 <sup>(9)</sup>		<sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock	352.06 <sup>(9)</sup>

Units

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDSAY RONALD T 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601			EVP-General Counsel&Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Ronald T.  
Lindsay

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) These Restricted Stock Units vested upon consummation of the combination of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (the "Combination"), effected on October 29, 2007.  
  
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. AbitibiBowater had a market value of \$36.77 per share on the effective date of the Combination.
- (2) These Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 30, 2007.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bowater common stock.  
  
These Restricted Stock Units vest January 24, 2009 or in the event of involuntary termination without cause. If Bowater has cumulative positive earnings per share during the three-year period beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008, the total awards will vest. If Bowater has positive earnings per share for any one calendar year during the three-year period, one-third of the respective award will vest for each such year.
- (4) These Stock Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 30, 2007.  
  
Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with stock options to purchase an amount of AbitibiBowater common stock equal to the number of shares of Bowater common stock subject to the Stock Options multiplied by 0.52. The exercise price of the replacement stock options is determined by dividing the existing exercise price by 0.52.
- (5) 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 upon the reporting person's retirement, death, disability, or other termination of employment.
- (6) Represents all securities acquired by the reporting person under the Bowater Incorporated Compensatory Benefits Plan as of October 26, 2007. Additional securities may have accrued to the reporting person's account since that date.

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