

BOWATER INC  
Form 8-K  
December 27, 2007

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 20, 2007

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**BOWATER INCORPORATED**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-8712**  
(Commission File Number)

**62-0721803**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**55 East Camperdown Way, Greenville, South Carolina**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**29602**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (864) 271-7733

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02(e) Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On December 20, 2007, David J. Paterson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bowater Incorporated (the Company) was awarded a bonus payment in the amount of \$380,970 in connection with services rendered by Mr. Paterson in connection with the combination of Bowater and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. In the event that at any time during the 36 months following the effective date of the Combination (which was October 29, 2007), Mr. Paterson voluntarily terminates his employment without good reason or is involuntarily terminated for cause, he will be required to reimburse the Company a pro-rated portion of such bonus payment, based on the number of days remaining in such 36 month period at the time of termination.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BOWATER INCORPORATED

By: /s/ James T. Wright

Name: James T. Wright

Title: Executive Vice President Human Resources

Dated: December 21, 2007