

Johnson Joseph B  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Johnson Joseph B  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

(Street)

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/25/2006

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

No securities are beneficially owned

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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 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)  
Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (right to buy)	Â (1)	01/25/2015	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 37.295	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	01/27/2014	Common Stock	750	\$ 45.02	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	Â (1)	01/23/2013	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 40.74	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	Â (1)	01/29/2012	Common Stock	1,250	\$ 47.025	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Joseph B 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601	Â	Â	Â VP and Controller	Â

## Signatures

Joseph B. Johnson  
01/30/2006

\_\_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) These options are all exercisable.

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