

BOWATER INC
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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 *
Ellington Curtis Randolph

(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)
05/10/2006

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)

VP- Newsprint Sales

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 Indirect Beneficial 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 Securities (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) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---|------|---|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 26.35 | 05/10/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | | | A | | 7,932 | | 01/01/2008 | 01/01/2008 | Common Stock | 7,932 |
| Restricted Stock Units | ⁽²⁾ | 05/10/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | | | A | | 1,130 | | 01/24/2009 | 01/24/2009 | Common Stock | 1,130 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 26.35 | 05/10/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | | | A | | 4,370 | | 01/24/2009 | 05/10/2016 | Common Stock | 4,370 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ellington Curtis Randolph 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601 | | | VP- Newsprint Sales | |

Signatures

William A. McCormick,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/12/2006

**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) Approved by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on January 24, 2006, subject to shareholder approval of the 2006 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan. Shareholders approved the plan on May 10, 2006.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bowater Incorporated common stock.

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