

KOCH C JAMES
Form 4/A
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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 *
KOCH C JAMES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, 75 ARLINGTON STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2004

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

(Street)

BOSTON, MA, X1 02116

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | | S | 300 D \$ 20.76 | 224,991 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | | S | 100 D \$ 20.77 | 224,891 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | | S | 100 D \$ 21.2 | 224,791 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | | S | 100 D \$ 21.22 | 224,691 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | | S | 1,000 D \$ 21.21 | 223,691 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |

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|-------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|-----------------------|
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | S | 700 | D | \$ 20.8 | 222,991 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | S | 800 | D | \$ 20.85 | 222,191 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | S | 700 | D | \$ 20.83 | 221,491 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | S | 100 | D | \$ 21 | 221,391 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.95 | 221,291 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common | 12/29/2004 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 21.1 | 220,291 | I | Note 1 ⁽¹⁾ |

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 (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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KOCH C JAMES C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY 75 ARLINGTON STREET BOSTON, MA, X1 02116 | X | X | Chairman | |

Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James
Koch

12/30/2004

__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) Reflects 32,456 shares held by Reporting Person's children and shares held by a limited liability company in which the children of the reporting person have a pecuniary interest, but to which the reporting person disclaims any beneficial ownership.

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