

BOWATER INC  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 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) September 18, 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 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 18, 2007, Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. issued a joint news release updating the progress of the review by the U.S. Department of Justice of the companies' proposed combination, as well as the timing of the anticipated closing. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued September 18, 2007

**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

Dated: September 18, 2007

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press release issued September 18, 2007