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BOWATER INC
Form 8-K
July 14, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) July 8, 2005

BOWATER INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-8712	62-0721803
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

55 East Camperdown Way
P.O. Box 1028
Greenville, South Carolina 29602
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): Not applicable

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Item 1.01 Material Definitive Agreement.

Labor agreements covering approximately 2,200 employees at five of the company's six Canadian paper mills were ratified on July 8, 2005. These employees are represented predominantly by the Communications, Energy and Paper Workers Union. The agreements have effective dates of May 1, 2004, and will expire on April 30, 2009. The agreements provide for annual wage increases averaging 2.5% for each of the first two years and averaging 2% annually thereafter as well as improvements and changes to pension and post-retirement benefits.

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
(Registrant)

Date: July 14, 2005

By: /s/ Ronald T. Lindsay

Name: Ronald T. Lindsay
Title: Senior Vice President -
General Counsel and Secretary