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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **NEWMAN R DONALD**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BOWATER INC [BOW]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/10/2006

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

Exec. VP & COO

below)

Other (specify

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Person

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code 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	8)	Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 26.35	05/10/2006(2)		A		11,934		01/01/2008	01/01/2008	Common Stock	11,934
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/10/2006(2)		A		3,620		01/24/2009	01/24/2009	Common Stock	3,620
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.35	05/10/2006(2)		A		14,000		01/24/2009	05/10/2016	Common Stock	14,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NEWMAN R DONALD 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Exec. VP & COO

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Bowater Incorporated common stock.
- (2) 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.

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