

BOWATER INC  
Form 4  
May 15, 2006

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HARKIN RUTH R**

(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)  
**05/11/2006**

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                     |                                          |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                             |                                                                |                                                                     |                     |

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| Derivative<br>Security    |     |            | Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) |         | Code | V   | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
|---------------------------|-----|------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|                           |     |            |                                            |         |      |     |     |     |                     |                    |                 |                                  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units | (1) | 05/11/2006 | A                                          | 575.374 | (2)  | (2) |     |     |                     |                    | Common<br>Stock | 575.374                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARKIN RUTH R<br>55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY<br>GREENVILLE, SC 29601 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

William A. McCormick,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/15/2006

\*\*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) 1 for 1

These phantom stock units were allocated under the Company's Outside Directors' Stock-Based Deferred Fee Plan (the "Plan") and will be settled (on a 1-for-1 basis) at the time the reporting person ceases to be a director after completing five years of service, death or disability or change in control.

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