

Spraley David A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Spraley David A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BOWATER INC [BOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/29/2007

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

SVP - Manufacturing

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/29/2007		D		1,168.9505 (2)	D	0	I	401(k) Plan

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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 27.7	10/29/2007		D	3,611	10/29/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/07/2017	Common Stock	3,611
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 27.87	10/29/2007		D	5,079	<sup>(5)</sup> 01/30/2017	Common Stock	5,079
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 21.065	10/29/2007		D	5,000	06/27/2009 06/27/2016	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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## Signatures

/s/ William A. McCormick,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 10/31/2007

\*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to the combination of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (the "Combination"), effected on October 29, 2007. Each share of Bowater common stock was exchanged for 0.52 of a share of AbitibiBowater common stock having a market value of \$36.77 per share on the effective date of the Combination.
- (2) Represents all securities acquired by the reporting person under the Bowater Incorporated Savings Plan as of October 26, 2007. Additional securities may have accrued to the reporting person's account since that date.
- (3) These Restricted Stock Units vested upon consummation of the Combination.
- (4) Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive an amount of AbitibiBowater common stock equal to the number of shares of Bowater common stock subject to the Restricted Stock Units multiplied by 0.52.

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(5) These Restricted Stock Units vest in three equal annual installments beginning January 30, 2007.

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