

NOCITO MICHAEL F
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FORM 4

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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 *
 NOCITO MICHAEL F

(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)
 01/25/2005

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)
 Vice President & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative 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) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 37.295 | 01/25/2005 | | | A | | 10,000 | | 01/25/2006 | 01/25/2015 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NOCITO MICHAEL F 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY GREENVILLE, SC 29601 | | | Vice President & Controller | |

Signatures

Michael F.
Nocito
01/26/2005

**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).
- These options were granted under the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan. The Plan sets forth certain earlier expiration dates upon the option holder's termination of employment or cessation of Board service, as the case may be. In addition, the exercisability of outstanding
- (1) options may be accelerated as approved by the committee administering the Plan, and will be accelerated upon the occurrence of certain specified "change in control" events, in which case the options will be automatically purchased by the Company at a defined acceleration price.

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