

HARKIN RUTH R  
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 \*  
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)  
10/29/2007

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)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
			Code	V				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/29/2007	D		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,826
Phantom Stock Units (Deferred Fee Plan)	(2)	10/29/2007	D		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,686

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ William A. McCormick,  
Attorney-in-Fact

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) Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the combination of Bowater Incorporated and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. (the "Combination"), effected on October 29, 2007, and replaced with restricted stock units representing a contingent right to receive the cash value of 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. Each Restricted Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Bowater common stock and is settled in cash upon the director's ceasing to be an outside director of Bowater or other events as specified in the plan. AbitibiBowater common stock had a market value of \$36.77 per share on the effective date of the Combination.

(2) Assumed by AbitibiBowater in the Combination and replaced with phantom stock units that are the economic equivalent of an amount of AbitibiBowater common stock equal to the number of shares of Bowater common stock subject to the Phantom Stock Units multiplied by 0.52. Each Phantom Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Bowater common stock and becomes payable in cash at the time the director ceases to be a director after completing five years of service, death or disability or change in control.

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