GIFFIN GORDON D

Form 4

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

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 * GIFFIN GORDON D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

BOWATER INC [BOW]

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2006

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

below)

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

Price of

(Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or

Number of Shares

Phantom

Stock (2) 01/03/2006 A 350.67 (1) (1) Units (1)

 $\frac{\text{(1)}}{\text{Stock}} \quad \frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock}} \quad 350.67$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GIFFIN GORDON D 55 EAST CAMPERDOWN WAY X GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Signatures

William A. McCormick, Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2006

**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).

These phantom stock units were allocated under the Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors (the "Directors Plan"). The
Directors Plan provides for settlement of phantom stock units in cash, Company common stock (on a 1-for-1 basis), or a combination of the two following the director's ceasing to be an outside director of the Company. Phantom stock units included in this total not otherwise accounted for by a transaction on this form were allocated under the dividend reinvestment feature of the Directors Plan.

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