

AbitibiBowater Inc.  
Form 425  
March 29, 2007

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 23, 2007

**BOWATER INCORPORATED**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

1-8712

62-0721803

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

55 East Camperdown Way, Greenville, South Carolina

29602

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (864) 271-7733

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**Award of Restricted Stock Units**

On March 23, 2007, the Registrant, acting through the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, awarded to David J. Paterson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, 54,200 restricted stock units ( RSUs ). The RSUs were awarded as an incentive in connection with the pending combination of the Registrant and Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. The RSUs represent a contingent right to receive up to 54,200 shares of Bowater common stock (each such share would be converted in the combination to 0.52 of a share of common stock of the combined company if the combination is consummated). The vesting of the RSUs is contingent upon attaining certain performance targets as measured by post-combination synergies during the two-year period following consummation of the combination. The RSUs will vest with respect to all 54,200 shares upon the achievement of documented synergies of at least \$300 million; with respect to 45,100 shares upon the achievement of documented synergies of at least \$250 million and with respect to 36,100 shares upon the achievement of documented synergies of at least \$200 million.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

As reported under Item 5.02, on March 23, 2007, the Registrant awarded restricted stock units to David J. Paterson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant. Details of the arrangement are described under Item 5.02 of this report.

On March 27, 2007, the Registrant issued a press release commenting on anticipated operating results for the first quarter ending March 31, 2007. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Bowater Incorporated dated March 27, 2007

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BOWATER INCORPORATED

By: /s/ James T. Wright  
Name: James T. Wright  
Title: Executive Vice President

Dated: March 29, 2007

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release of Bowater Incorporated dated March 27, 2007