

BOWATER INC

Form 4

December 27, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Pate, James L.
55 East Camperdown Way
Post Office Box 1028
Greenville, SC 29602-1028
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Bowater Incorporated (BOW)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount Secured Beneficially Owned End of Month
			Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock						1500
Common Stock						100