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BOWATER INC Form 8-K September 27, 2005

UNITED STATES 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) September 21, 2005

BOWATER INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-8712 62-0721803
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

55 East Camperdown Way
P.O. Box 1028
Greenville, South Carolina 29602
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): Not applicable

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;

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Appointment of Principal Officers.

On September 21, 2005, the Board of Directors of Bowater Incorporated unanimously elected Ruth R. Harkin as a Class III director, filling the vacancy on the Board created by the retirement of Francis J. Aguilar. The committee assignment for Ms. Harkin has not yet been determined. Ms. Harkin was Senior Vice President, International Affairs and Government Relations of United Technologies International from June 1997 to February 2005. Previously she was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from 1993 to 1997.

A copy of the press release announcing Ms. Harkin's election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1

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 INCOPORATED (Registrant)

Date: September 27, 2005 By: /s/ Ronald T. Lindsay

Name: Ronald T. Lindsay
Title: Senior Vice President General Counsel and

Secretary

EXHIBITS

99.1 Press release issued by Bowater Incorporated on September 22, 2005.