

AbitibiBowater Inc.  
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 \*  
FAIRFAX FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LTD/ CAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

95 WELLINGTON STREET WEST, SUITE 800

(Street)

TORONTO, A6 M5J 2N7

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AbitibiBowater Inc. [ABH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/17/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Shares")	04/17/2012		J <sup>(1)</sup>	955,038 A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup> 18,460,789	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Derivative Security	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FAIRFAX FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LTD/ CAN 95 WELLINGTON STREET WEST SUITE 800 TORONTO, A6 M5J 2N7		X		
TIG INSURANCE CO 250 COMMERCIAL STREET SUITE 5000 MANCHESTER, NH 03101		X		
ODYSSEY REINSURANCE CO 300 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE STAMFORD, CT 06902		X		
UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE CO 305 MADISON AVENUE MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962		X		

## Signatures

/s/ V. Prem Watsa, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	04/19/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ John J. Bator, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	04/19/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Kirk M. Reische, Vice President	04/19/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

/s/ Paul Bassaline, Vice President & Controller

04/19/2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
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).

In connection with the completion of the take-over bid by AbitibiBowater Inc. ("AbitibiBowater") to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Fibrek Inc. ("Fibrek"), the Reporting Persons, as shareholders of Fibrek, received 0.0284 Common Shares (plus Cdn\$0.55 in cash) as consideration per Fibrek common share, for an aggregate total of 955,041 Common Shares.

(1) The Common Shares are held by Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited ("Fairfax"), certain of its subsidiaries and the pension plans of certain subsidiaries of Fairfax, including, following the transactions reported herein, 698,435 Common Shares held by Northbridge Commercial Insurance Corporation, 432,498 Common Shares held by Northbridge Indemnity Insurance Corporation, 175,253 Common Shares held by Federated Insurance Company of Canada, 1,253,325 Common Shares held by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, 344,477 Northbridge Personal Insurance Corporation, 1,749,215 Common Shares held by TIG Insurance Company, 5,630,638 Common Shares held by Odyssey Reinsurance Company and 744,431 Common Shares held by United States Fire Insurance Company.

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