ODYSSEY RE HOLDINGS CORP

Form 4

October 17, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AbitibiBowater Inc. [ABH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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2N7 (State)

TORONTO, ONTARIO, A6 M5J

(City)

(Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

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Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

Securities

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

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)

Code

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

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

Execution Date, if

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative

Securities Acquired

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

7. Title and Amour **Underlying Securit** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	(A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
8.0% Convertible Notes due 2013 (?Notes?)	(1)	10/15/2008		J(2)		\$ 2,694,444 (5)		10/15/2008	(3)	Common Stock, \$1.00 par value (?Shares?)	20
8.0% Convertible Notes due 2013	(1)	10/15/2008		J <u>(2)</u>		\$ 16,166,666 (5)		10/15/2008	(3)	Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	1,6

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FAIRFAX FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LTD/ CAN 95 WELLINGTON STREET WEST SUITE 800 TORONTO, ONTARIO, A6 M5J 2N7		X					
WATSA V PREM ET AL 95 WELLINGTON STREET WEST SUITE 800 TORONTO, ONTARIO, A6 M5J 2N7		X					
1109519 ONTARIO LTD 95 WELLINGTON STREET WEST SUITE 800 TORONTO, ONTARIO, A6 M5J 2N7		X					
SIXTY TWO INVESTMENT CO LTD 1600 CATHEDRAL PLACE 925 WEST GEORGIA ST. VANCOUVER, B.C., A1 V6C 3L3		X					
810679 ONTARIO LTD 95 WELLINGTON STREET WEST SUITE 800 TORONTO, ONTARIO, A6 M5J 2N7		X					
TIG INSURANCE CO 250 COMMERCIAL STREET SUITE 5000 MANCHESTER, NH 03101		X					
		X					

Reporting Owners 2

NORTH RIVER INSURANCE CO 305 MADISON AVENUE MORRISTOWN, NJ 07962

ODYSSEY RE HOLDINGS CORP 300 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE

X

STAMFORD, CT 06902

ODYSSEY AMERICA REINSURANCE CORP

300 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE

X

Date

STAMFORD, CT 06902

Signatures

/s/ Paul Rivett, Vice President 10/17/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ V. Prem Watsa 10/17/2008

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/s/ V. Prem Watsa, President 10/17/2008

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/s/ V. Prem Watsa, President 10/17/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Nicholas C. Bentley, President and Chief Executive

Officer 10/17/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Paul Bassaline, Vice President 10/17/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Donald L. Smith, Senior Vice President 10/17/2008

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/s/ Donald L. Smith, Senior Vice President 10/17/2008

**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).
- (1) The Notes are convertible into Shares based on an initial conversion rate of 100 Shares per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$10.00 per Share), subject to adjustment under certain circumstances.
- (2) Pursuant to the terms of the Notes, AbitibiBowater Inc. elected to pay interest on the Notes on the 10/15/2008 interest payment date entirely by increasing the principal amount of the Notes in lieu of paying cash interest on the Notes.
- (3) The Notes are convertible into Shares at the option of the holder thereof at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding 04/15/2013, the maturity date of the Notes.
- (4) Approximately \$105.4 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by Odyssey America Reinsurance Corporation, \$79.0 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by The North River Insurance Company, \$52.7 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by TIG Insurance Company, \$33.7 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by Lombard General Insurance Company of Canada, \$18.4 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by Commonwealth Insurance Company, \$11.9 million aggregate

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principal amount of Notes is held by Markel Insurance Company of Canada, \$6.5 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by Federated Insurance Company of Canada, \$5.3 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by Lombard Insurance Company and \$3.2 million aggregate principal amount of Notes is held by pension plans of certain subsidiaries of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited.

(5) Aggregate principal amount of Notes.

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