KOCH C JAMES

Form 4/A

December 30, 2004

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **KOCH C JAMES**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol **BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]**

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

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

_X__ Director _X__ 10% Owner _Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

Chairman

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, 75 ARLINGTON **STREET**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

12/29/2004

below)

(Street)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2004

Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

BOSTON, MA, X1 02116

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common	12/29/2004		S	300	D	\$ 20.76	224,991	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004		S	100	D	\$ 20.77	224,891	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004		S	100	D	\$ 21.2	224,791	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004		S	100	D	\$ 21.22	224,691	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004		S	1,000	D	\$ 21.21	223,691	I	Note 1 (1)

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Class A Common	12/29/2004	S	700	D	\$ 20.8	222,991	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004	S	800	D	\$ 20.85	222,191	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004	S	700	D	\$ 20.83	221,491	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21	221,391	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004	S	100	D	\$ 20.95	221,291	I	Note 1 (1)
Class A Common	12/29/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 21.1	220,291	I	Note 1 (1)

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 o	of 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	
Derivati	ve Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	nte	Amoun	t of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securiti	ies	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		
	Security				Acquired						
					(A) or						
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									A		
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	rcisable Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KOCH C JAMES						
C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY	X	X	Chairman			
75 ARLINGTON STREET	Χ	Λ	Chairman			
BOSTON, MA, X1 02116						

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Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James
Koch
12/30/2004

**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) Reflects 32,456 shares held by Reporting Person's children and shares held by a limited liability company in which the children of the reporting person have a pecuniary interest, but to which the reporting person disclaims any beneficial ownership.

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