

Lance Thomas W
Form 4
March 17, 2009

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lance Thomas W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER
COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN
CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

(Street)

BOSTON, MA, X1 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

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

03/13/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP Operations

6. 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 (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)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Secu (Instr				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.51	03/13/2009	A		60,000		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	60,000	\$ 1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lance Thomas W C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 BOSTON, MA, X1 02210			VP Operations	

Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of Thomas W.
Lance

03/17/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reporting person's right to exercise this option and the number of shares eligible to vest is contingent on the Company achieving sustainable reductions in cost that will be in effect for the Company's 2011 fiscal year, the determination of which will be made by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on or before 3/1/2011. The option will lapse as to any shares initially subject to the option but as to which the Compensation Committee determines that the required reductions in cost were not achieved. So long as the reporting person continues to be employed by the Company as of each vesting date, the option will become incrementally exercisable as to 33 1/3% of the eligible shares on 3/1/2011, 3/1/3012 and 3/1/3013.

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