**KOCH C JAMES** Form 4 January 05, 2009

## FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

**BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]** 

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, ONE DESIGN 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2009

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

**CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850** 

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City)

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | le I - Non-I                           | Derivative                     | Secu                         | rities Acqu  | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or | d of (D)     | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A<br>Common                    | 01/01/2009                              |   | M                                      | 475                            | A                            | \$<br>11.079 | 390,485  | D  |   |
| Class A<br>Common                    | 01/01/2009                              |   | M                                      | 297                            | A                            | \$<br>12.684 | 390,782  | D  |   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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) |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|-----|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Purchase                     | \$ 11.079   | 01/01/2009                              |   | M                                      |   | 475 | <u>(1)</u>   | <u>(1)</u>         | Class A<br>Common   | 2,373                               |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Purchase                     | \$ 12.684   | 01/01/2009                              |   | M                                      |   | 297 | <u>(1)</u>   | <u>(1)</u>         | Class A<br>Common   | 1,486                               |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 28.4   | 01/01/2009                              |   | A                                      | 12,000  |     | (2)  | 01/01/2019         | Class A<br>Common   | 12,000                              |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |          |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|
| . 0   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |  |  |
| KOCH C JAMES<br>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY<br>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 | X             | X         | Chairman |       |  |  |

# **Signatures**

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James Koch 01/05/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted Stock Purchase pursuant to the Investment Share Program under the issuer's Employee Equity Incentive Plan, shares vest at 20% over 5 years from date of purchase.
- (2) Reporting Person's right to exercise this option is contingent upon the Company's 2009 performance against a benchmark, which performance will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors on or before March 1, 2010. If the Company does not meet the benchmark, the Option shall lapse as to 50% or all of the shares, based on the Committee's determination. If the benchmark is met or exceeded, the Option shall become exercisable as to a maximum of 600 shares on 3/1/2010 and 600 shares on each of 1/1/2011, 1/1/2012, 1/1/2013 and 1/1/2014, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the

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applicable vesting date.

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