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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] KOCH C JAMES	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, 75 ARLINGTON STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2004	(Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Chairman				
(Street) BOSTON, MA X1 02116 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of 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 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)	Code Disposed of (D)				or (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		500	D	\$ 21.45	234,795	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		300	D	\$ 21.44	234,495	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		100	D	\$ 21.53	234,395	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		100	D	\$ 21.52	234,295	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		100	D	\$ 21.23	234,195	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		200	D	\$ 21.22	233,995	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		200	D	\$ 21.25	233,795	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		100	D	\$ 21.29	233,695	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		100	D	\$ 21.27	233,595	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		100	D	\$ 21.2	233,495	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		200	D	\$ 21.33	233,295	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			
Class A Common	12/15/2004		S		200	D	\$ 21.35	233,095	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾			

Ciass A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.32	232,895	1	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.31	232,795	1	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	400	D	\$ 21.01	232,395	I.	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.04	232,295	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	700	D	\$ 21	231,595	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.07	231,395	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.03	231,295	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.06	231,195	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.08	231,095	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.1	230,995	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.12	230,895	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.16	230,795	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	200	D	\$ 21.15	230,595	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 21.19	230,495	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 20.98	230,395	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common	12/15/2004	S	100	D	\$ 20.97	230,295	I	Note 1 ⁽¹⁾

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

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.

C. James Koch 12/16/2004 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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