FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 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 (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|-----------------------|--|---|--|--|------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) | (Midd | 12/28/2016 | | | ate of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 28/2015 | | | | | | | | er (give title w) | b | of ther (specify elow) | | |
| C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY | | | | | | | | | | | | Chairman | | | | | |
| ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | |
| (Street) BOSTON MA | | | | | | | | | | | |) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 Acqu Disposed Of (D) (II 5) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | | | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Report Transa | | (Instr. 4) | (111501.4) | | |
| Class A Common | | 12/28/201 | 15 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,500 | D | \$203 | 3.4(2) | ç | 932 | D | | | |
| Class A Common | | 12/28/201 | 15 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 500 | D | \$204 | 4.64 | 4 | 132 | D | | | |
| Class A Common | | | | | | | | | | | | 44 | .,248 | I | By LLC managed by spouse | | |
| Class A Common | | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | ,486 | I | Custodian for children under UGTMA | | |
| Class A Common | | | | | | | | | | | | 5, | ,000, | I | By Trust as Trustee | | |
| Class A Common | | | | | | | | | | | | 3, | 656 | I | By spouse as custodian for children under UGTMA | | |
| Class A Common | | | | | | | | | | | | 2, | ,532 | I | By spouse in trust for children | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, | | Code | 5. Number of Code (Instr. Derivative | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) s | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | of De Se (In | Derivative Securit Security Benefic (Instr. 5) Owned | | Owner Form: y Direct or Ind (I) (Ins 4) | (D) Beneficial Ownership rect (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Explanation of Passonses: | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | Date Exerc | isable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | | |

- 1. The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 16, 2015.
- 2. The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 4,500 shares is from \$203.05 to \$204.00. The Filing Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request of the SEC, the Registrant, or a shareholder of the Registrant.

Remarks:

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C. James 12/29/2015
Koch

** 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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