FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KOCH C JAMES		porting Person [*]	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, ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2011	(Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner X Officer (give Other (specify below) Chairman				
(Street) BOSTON MA 02210 (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)	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8)		4. Secul Acquired Dispose (Instr. 3,	d (A) d of	or (D) nd 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)		

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 Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date Amount of		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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 95.09	01/01/2011		М		5,000		(1)	12/31/2020	Class A Common	5,000	\$ 95.09	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting Person's right to exercise this option is contingent upon the Company's 2011 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, 2012. The number of shares as to which the option may become exercisable is as follows: (a) 100% will be eligible to vest if the Company's 2011 growth in depletions over 2010 is at least 8.8% and (b) 50% will be eligible to vest if Company's 2011 growth in depletions over 2010 is at least at least 4%. The option shall lapse as to any shares as to which the option does not become eligible to vest. The option shall become exercisable as to a maximum of 1,000 shares on 3/1/2012 and 1,000 shares on each of 1/1/2013, 1/1/2014, 1/1/2015 and 1/1/2016, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applicable vesting date.

> C. James Koch 01/04/2011

** 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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