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* ROPER MARTIN F | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|-------------|------------------------------|--|-----|---|-------------------------------------|------|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2003 | | | | | | | | | X Director X Officer (give title below) President a | | | 10% Owner Other (specify below) nd C.E.O. | | |
| 75 ARLINGTON STREET | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
| (Street) BOSTON (City) | | |)216 ——— | 6 | - | | | | | | | | | | | n filed by One Reporting Person n filed by More than One Reporting on | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | | | | | on Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transact Code (In 8) | ion | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | r 5. Am | | ount of ities icially d | Forn (D) c | rect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | - | Repo Trans | | (iiist | ur. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Class A Common 09/22/2003 | | | | | | 3 | | | M | | 500 | A | \$11.2 | .2219 | | 4,009 | | D | | |
| Class A Common 09/22/2003 | | | | | 003 |)3 | | S | | 500 | D | \$1 | \$16 | | 3,509 | | D | | | |
| | | Ta | able | II - Deriva | | | | | | | osed of converti | | | | ned | | | | | |
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | | vative urities uired or oosed 0) tr. 3, | 6. Date E: Expiratio (Month/D | n Da | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisat | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | 1 | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$11.2219 | 09/22/2003 | | | М | | | 500 | 01/01/200 |)2 | 03/31/2004 | Class A Common | 10,000 | \$11.2 | 2219 | 2,700 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Martin F. Roper 09/22/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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