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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. F |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 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 | M | | 5,000 | | (1) | 12/31/2020 | Class A Common | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

C. James Koch 01/04/2011
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) 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.

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