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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KOCH C JAMES</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY</u> <u>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850</u>  (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02210</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BOSTON BEER CO INC [ SAM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairman</b></p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2016</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common	12/14/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,149	D	\$169.08 <sup>(2)</sup>	60,351	D	
Class A Common	12/14/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		5,152	D	\$169.77 <sup>(3)</sup>	55,199	D	
Class A Common	12/14/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,907	D	\$170.8 <sup>(4)</sup>	51,292	D	
Class A Common	12/14/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		784	D	\$171.81 <sup>(5)</sup>	50,508	D	
Class A Common	12/14/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		8	D	\$173	50,500	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								22,000	I	By Foundation managed by Reporting Person
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)**

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. Transaction 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)		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(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 7, 2016.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 5,149 shares is from \$168.45 to \$169.40. 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.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 5,152 shares is from \$169.45 to \$170.40. 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.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 3,907 shares is from \$170.45 to \$171.38. 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.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 784 shares is from \$171.45 to \$172.35. 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.

[Michael G. Andrews](#) under  
[POA for the benefit of C.](#)      [12/15/2016](#)  
[James 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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