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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Instr. 4)

| 1. Name and Address of Repor Person <u>*</u> Lim Ai-Li | Statemen | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2012 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM] | | | | |
|--|------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------|---|--|
| (Last) (First) | (Middle) 02/22/2 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5 | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| C/O THE BOSTON BEE COMPANY, 1 DESIG CENTER PLACE, STE. (Street) BOSTON, MA 02210 (City) (State) | N 850 | (Check all applicable) Director10% Own XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) V.P. of Human Resources | | | Owner r ow) es | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | ((244)) | 2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4) | f Securities | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | * | |
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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect **Expiration** Date Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative (Instr. 4) Price of Security: Derivative Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D) Exercisable Number of Date

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Lim Ai-Li C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY 1 DESIGN CENTER PLACE, STE. 850 BOSTON, MA 02210 | | Â | Â | V.P. of Human Resources | Â | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Ai-Li Lim | 02/27/2012 | | | | | | |
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | | | | |
| Explanation of | of Respons | ses: | | | | | |

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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