

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
 Form 4/A
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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 *
BARMORE GREGORY T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
 [NFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8140 WARD PARKWAY, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/23/2005

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

(Street)
 KANSAS CITY 64114

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
 05/24/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 |
| NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | | S | 10,000 (1) | D \$ 37.03 | 206,441 | D |

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stock option with Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs) | \$ 36.2 | 05/23/2005 | | A | 5,000 | 05/23/2005 ⁽²⁾ 05/23/2015 | NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARMORE GREGORY T 8140 WARD PARKWAY SUITE 300 KANSAS CITY 64114 | X | | | |

Signatures

Gregory T. Barmore 06/01/2005

Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Shares were sold under 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) The Form 4 filed on May 24, 2005 has been amended to reflect that the options vest immediately.

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