

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Mayer Jeffrey

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/30/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
 INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/30/2008		D	10,008 D 11 0		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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Emp. Stock Option (rt. to buy)	\$ 165.32	05/30/2008		D			21,117	12/20/2006	12/20/2016	Common Stock	21
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.63	05/30/2008		D			22,807	12/11/2003	12/11/2010	Common Stock	22
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.88	05/30/2008		D			31,581	12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	31
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 102.65	05/30/2008		D			45,903	12/28/2004	12/28/2014	Common Stock	45
CAP Units (2002)	<u>(2)</u>	05/30/2008		D			701	11/30/2007	11/30/2007 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	7
CAP Units (2003)	<u>(2)</u>	05/30/2008		D			113,501	11/30/2008	11/30/2008 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	113
CAP Units (2004)	<u>(2)</u>	05/30/2008		D			80,780	11/30/2009	11/30/2009 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock	80
CAP Units (2005)	<u>(2)</u>	05/30/2008		D			55,123	11/30/2010	11/30/2010 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock	55
CAP Units (2006)	<u>(2)</u>	05/30/2008		D			52,389	11/30/2011	11/30/2011 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock	52
Emp. Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	\$ 64	05/30/2008		D			40,000	11/29/2005	11/29/2012	Common Stock	40
Emp. Stock	\$ 73.75	05/30/2008		D			60,365	12/15/2003	12/15/2013	Common Stock	60

Option
(Rt. to
Buy)

Emp.
Stock

Option (Rt. to Buy)	\$ 116.5	05/30/2008		D	33,673	12/22/2005	12/22/2015	Common Stock	33
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mayer Jeffrey C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Mayer,
Jeffrey

06/02/2008

__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) Disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between issuer and JPMorgan Chase & Co. in exchange for 2,177 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock having a market value of \$9.35 per share on the effective date of the merger.
- (2) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price
- (3) The shares of common stock underlying the CAP Units will be distributed on or about 11/30/2008
- (4) The CAP Units were converted in the merger into 152 CAP Units of JPMorgan Chase.
- (5) The CAP Units were converted in the merger into 24,869 CAP Units of JPMorgan Chase.
- (6) In connection with the merger, the deferral period for the CAP Units will be accelerated and the shares of common stock underlying the CAP Units will be distributed on or about 1/15/2009.
- (7) The CAP Units were converted in the merger into 17,572 CAP Units of JPMorgan Chase.
- (8) The CAP Units were converted in the merger into 11,990 CAP Units of JPMorgan Chase.
- (9) The CAP Units were converted in the merger into 11,396 CAP Units of JPMorgan Chase.
- (10) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 8,701 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$294.21 per share.
- (11) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 13,131 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$339.03 per share.
- (12) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 7,324 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$535.56 per share.
- (13)

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This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 4,593 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$759.99 per share.

- (14) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 4,961 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$228.13 per share.
- (15) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 6,869 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$261.48 per share.
- (16) This option was converted in the merger into an option to purchase 9,985 shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock for \$471.89 per share.

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