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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **NOVELLY PAUL A** Issuer Symbol BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES (Check all applicable) INC [BSC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) P.O. BOX 7009 03/21/2007 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. THOMAS, VI 00801 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, par See Note P 10,000 A 03/21/2007 170,000 (1) value $2^{(2)}$ \$1.00 per

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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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| NOVELLY PAUL A | | | | | | | |
| P.O. BOX 7009 | X | | | | | | |
| ST. THOMAS, VI 00801 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ James F. 03/22/2007 Sanders **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).
- Does not include 2,905.35 Restricted Stock Units directly owned by Mr. Novelly under the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan, including dividends through the transaction date.
- Shares are owned by St. Albans Global Management LLLP, a Delaware limited liability limited partnership ("Global"), of which Mr. **(2)** Novelly is the chief executive officer. Mr. Novelly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Global.

Remarks:

Attorney in fact for the Reporting Person, Paul A. Novelly

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