

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 *
 MOLINARO SAMUEL L JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/09/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP/CFO/COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. P
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (2002)	(1)	01/09/2008	A(2)		448		11/30/2007	11/30/2007	Common Stock	448
CAP Units (2003)	(1)	01/09/2008	A(2)		512		11/30/2008	11/30/2008	Common Stock	512
CAP Units (2004)	(1)	01/09/2008	A(2)		376		11/30/2009	11/30/2009	Common Stock	376
CAP Units (2005)	(1)	01/09/2008	A(2)		397		11/30/2010	11/30/2010	Common Stock	397
CAP Units (2006)	(1)	01/09/2008	A(2)		454		11/30/2011	11/30/2011	Common Stock	454

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOLINARO SAMUEL L JR C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179				EVP/CFO/COO

Signatures

/s/ Molinaro Jr.,
Samuel L.
01/09/2008
Date
**Signature of 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).
- (1) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price

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- (2) CAP Units credited to Reporting Person's account (as of 1/9/08) based on Fiscal Year 2007 Net Earnings Adjustments pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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