

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Bear Stearns Companies Inc. 2008 Trust			(Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2008	BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.,Â 383 MADISON AVENUE			(Check all applicable)		
(Street)			___ Director		___X___ 10% Owner
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10179			___ Officer		___ Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)		(specify below)
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
			___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
			___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	27,316,339	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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		(Instr. 4)				
Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Price of	Derivative	Derivative
Exercisable	Date		Number of	Derivative	Security:	Security:
			Shares	Security	Direct (D)	or Indirect
					(I)	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bear Stearns Companies Inc. 2008 Trust C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

By: Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee	02/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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