

NOVELLY PAUL 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 *
NOVELLY PAUL A

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)
P.O. BOX 7009
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2007

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

ST. THOMAS, VI 00801
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Employee Director Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 157.02 | 04/18/2007 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | | 1,200 | | 10/18/2007 | 04/18/2017 | Common Stock | 1,200 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 04/18/2007 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | | 500 | | 10/18/2007 | 10/18/2007 | Common Stock | 500 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ James F.
Sanders 04/18/2007

**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) Exempt issuance of options under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.
- (2) Exempt grant of Restricted Stock Units under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.
- (3) 1-for-1

Remarks:

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

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