

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL 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 *
MEHRER EDWARD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC [NFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 8140 WARD PARKWAY, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/23/2005

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

(Street)
 KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option with Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs)	\$ 36.2	05/23/2005	A		1,250		05/23/2006	05/23/2015	NovaStar Financial, Inc Common Stock	1,250
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Stock option with Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs)	\$ 36.2	05/23/2005	A		1,250		05/23/2008	05/23/2015	NovaStar Financial, Inc Common Stock	1,250
Stock option with Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs)	\$ 36.2	05/23/2005	A		1,250		05/23/2009	05/23/2015	NovaStar Financial, Inc Common Stock	1,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEHRER EDWARD W 8140 WARD PARKWAY SUITE 300 KANSAS CITY, MO 64114	X			

Signatures

Edward W.
Mehrer

05/24/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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