

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 *
HARTMAN SCOTT F

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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2007

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

KANSAS CITY, MO 64114
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Restricted Common Stock	01/03/2008		D		19,221 (1) (2) \$ 0	D	293,222
Restricted Common Stock	01/03/2008		D		2,678 (1) (2) \$ 0	D	290,544
Restricted Common Stock	01/03/2008		D		1,100 (1) (2) (3) \$ 0	D	289,444
Restricted Common	01/03/2008		D		500 (1) (2) (4) \$ 0	D	288,944

Stock

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 Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Restricted Stock	\$ 0	12/31/2007	(3)	D	1,100 (1) (2)	(2) (2)	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	1,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTMAN SCOTT F 8140 WARD PARKWAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64114	X		Chairman & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Scott F. Hartman 05/09/2008

**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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(1) On July 27, 2007, NovaStar Financial, Inc. effected a 4-for-1 reverse stock split.

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- (2) This forfeiture of restricted stock is reported in connection with Scott F. Hartman's termination from NovaStar Financial, Inc.
- (3) This award was initially reported in Table II in a Form 4 filed on 02/07/05. The shares were issued, so the forfeiture is being reported in Table I.
- (4) This award was initially reported in Table II in a Form 4 filed on 01/28/04. The shares were issued, so the forfeiture is being reported in Table I.

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