

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2007

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

C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC, 8140 WARD PARKWAY, STE 300

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

(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 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 (D) Price		
NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	03/14/2007		A		76,882 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0
NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock					1,249,771 ⁽²⁾	D	
					1,925	I	By Children

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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 Acquired (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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 4.18	03/14/2007		A	32,927	03/14/2008	03/14/2017	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	32,927
Stock Option	\$ 4.18	03/14/2007		A	32,927	03/14/2009	03/14/2017	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	32,927
Stock Option	\$ 4.18	03/14/2007		A	32,927	03/14/2010	03/14/2017	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	32,927
Stock Option	\$ 4.18	03/14/2007		A	32,927	03/14/2011	03/14/2017	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	32,927

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTMAN SCOTT F C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC	X		Chairman and CEO	

8140 WARD PARKWAY, STE 300
KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

Signatures

Scott F.
Hartman

03/16/2006

 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) This is a grant of restricted stock subject to a 5 year Cliff vesting period. Restricted stock has voting rights and rights to receive future dividends on dividend payment dates, but is subject to forfeiture.
- (2) Includes 35,650 shares of stock held in the Company's 401(k) plan.

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