

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 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 \*  
 LEHMAN MARK E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/17/2004

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

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.  
 INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(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  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/17/2004                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 85,578 D \$ 0   | 109,418   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 100   | I  | By Custodian For Child            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 29,764  | I  | By Trust                          |

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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 |
| CAP Units (1999)                           | \$ 0   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 34,320   |     | 11/30/2004  | 11/30/2004      | Common Stock | 34,320                     |
| CAP Units (2000)                           | \$ 0   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 31,689   |     | 11/30/2005  | 11/30/2005      | Common Stock | 31,689                     |
| CAP Units (2001)                           | \$ 0   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 4,310  |     | 11/30/2006  | 11/30/2006      | Common Stock | 4,310                      |
| CAP Units (2002)                           | \$ 0   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 13,528   |     | 11/30/2007  | 11/30/2007      | Common Stock | 13,528                     |
| CAP Units 2003                             | \$ 0   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 14,668   |     | 11/30/2008  | 11/30/2008      | Common Stock | 14,668                     |
| Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)           | \$ 73.75   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 30,118   |     | 12/15/2006  | 12/15/2013      | Common Stock | 30,118                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 38.75   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 8,026  |     | 01/10/2003  | 01/10/2010      | Common Stock | 8,026                      |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 49.63   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 10,381   |     | 12/11/2003  | 12/11/2010      | Common Stock | 10,381                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to            | \$ 56.88   | 11/17/2004                           |  | <u>J(2)</u>                    |   | 3,952  |     | 12/17/2004  | 12/17/2011      | Common Stock | 3,952                      |

Buy)

Employee

Stock

|                             |       |            |                  |       |            |            |                 |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|------------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 64 | 11/17/2004 | J <sup>(2)</sup> | 8,500 | 11/30/2005 | 11/30/2012 | Common<br>Stock | 8,500 |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|------------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LEHMAN MARK E<br>C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.<br>383 MADISON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10179 |               |           | EVP     |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lehman,  
Mark E. 11/23/2004

\_\_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) On November 17, 2004, the Reporting Person transferred 85,578 shares of the Company's common stock to his wife pursuant to a Property Settlement Agreement.  
The stock options and CAP Units were granted to the Reporting Person. On 11/17/04, the Reporting Person transferred the economic benefit of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units to his wife pursuant to a Property Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to the Property Settlement Agreement, the Reporting Person is deemed to hold 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units for the benefit of his wife. The Reporting Person's wife is entitled to 1/2 of the shares issued upon exercise of the stock options and vesting of the CAP Units and may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2)

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