

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES 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 *
 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/31/2006

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

P.O. BOX 7009

(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

ST. THOMAS, VI 00801

(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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	05/31/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M	28	A	\$ 0	2,339.825 ⁽²⁾	D

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	05/31/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	28	05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Common Stock	28
Non-Employee Director Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 133.75	05/31/2006		A ⁽³⁾	70	11/30/2006 05/31/2016	Common Stock	70
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	05/31/2006		A ⁽⁴⁾	23	11/30/2006 11/30/2006	Common Stock	23

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 06/01/2006

**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) Automatic vesting of restricted stock units previously issued under the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.
Includes all dividends through the transaction date. Does not include 125,000 shares owned by St. Albans Global Management LLLP, a
- (2) Delaware limited liability limited partnership ("Global"), of which Mr. Novelly is the chief executive officer. Mr. Novelly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Global.
- (3) Exempt issuance of options under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.
- (4)

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Exempt grant of Restricted Stock Units under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.

(5) 1-for-1

Remarks:

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

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