

BAMBURG MICHAEL L
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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 *
BAMBURG MICHAEL L

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)
12/19/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC, 8140 WARD PARKWAY, SUITE 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	12/19/2005		M		12,500 A \$ 12.22	363,957	D
NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	12/19/2005		M		4,494 A \$ 0	368,451	D

NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	12/19/2005	M	5,000	A	\$ 7.16	373,451	D	
NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock						3,502	I	By Spouse

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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	\$ 12.22	12/19/2005		M	12,500	12/18/2003 ⁽¹⁾	12/18/2012	NovaStar Financial Inc., Common Stock	16,99 <u>(2)</u>
Stock Option	\$ 7.16	12/19/2005		M	5,000	12/19/2005	12/19/2011	NovaStar Financial Inc., Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

