

ANDERSON W LANCE
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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 *
ANDERSON W LANCE

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, STE 300
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2007

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|

NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock

294,274 D

NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock

03/01/2007

M 20,000 A \$ 7.16

456,382 I

By W. Lance Anderson and Rania H. Anderson Trust

NovaStar
Financial,
Inc.
Common
Stock

03/01/2007

M 7,019 A \$ 0 463,401 I

By W.
Lance
Anderson
and Rania
H.
Anderson
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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option | \$ 7.16 | 03/01/2007 | | M | 20,000 | 12/19/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 12/19/2011 | NovaStar Financial Inc, Common Stock 27,011 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ANDERSON W LANCE 8140 WARD PARKWAY STE 300 KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 | X | | President and COO | |

Signatures

W. Lance
Anderson 03/01/2007

**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) 10,000 options became exercisable on 12-19-2004 and 10,000 became exercisable on 12-19-2005.

(2) 7,019 dividend equivalent rights (DERs) are attached to the options.

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