### NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC

Form 4

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SEC Form 4

## FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Issuer Name 4. Statement for 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Person' and Ticker or Trading (Month/Day/Year to Issuer Hartman, Scott Symbol (Check all applicable) 12/30/2002 X Director \_ 10% Owner NovaStar Financial, Inc. (Last) (First) Officer (give title below) (Middle) NFI \_ Other (specify below) 8140 Ward Parkway 5. If Amendment, Suite 300 3. I.R.S. Identification Date of Original Description Number of Reporting (Month/Day/Year) Person, if an entity (Street) (voluntary) Kansas City, MO 64114 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (State) (City) X Form filed by One Reporting (Zip) Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction (A) or Disposed Of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Ship Form: Owned Following (D)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/30/2002	12/30/2002	P/X		20,400	Α	\$3.75	301,555	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2002	12/30/2002	P/X		300	Α	\$3.75	300	ı	Custodian for son
Common Stock	12/30/2002	12/30/2002	P/X		300	Α	\$3.75	300	ı	Custodian for daughter

	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion or	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed Execution	4. Transaction			7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of	9. Number Derivati	

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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Deri- vative Security	Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	Code (Instr.8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr.5)	Securition Benefic Owned Followir Reporte Transac (Instr.4)
				Code	٧	Α	D	DE	ED	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Options	\$3.75	12/30/2002	12/30/2002	х			20,400	12/20/02	12/20/10	Common Stock	20,400	\$3.75	139,6
Stock Options	\$3.75	12/30/2002	12/30/2002	х			300	12/20/02	12/20/10	Common Stock	300	\$3.75	139,3
Stock Options	\$3.75	12/30/2002	12/30/2002	х			300	12/20/02	12/20/10	Common Stock	300	\$3.75	139,0

**Explanation of Responses:** 

By:	Date:
/s/ Scott F. Hartman	01/02/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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