

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-K
December 18, 2003

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

December 17, 2003

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-13533

74-2830661

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

8140 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64114

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(816) 237-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 7. (c) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2003 NovaStar Announces Dividend and Adoption of New Dividend Policy and SFAS No. 123 for Stock Compensation .

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Conditions

Pursuant to Item 12 (Results of Operations and Financial Condition) of Form 8-K, NovaStar Financial, Inc. is hereby furnishing, as an Exhibit to this current report on Form 8-K, a copy of its press release on December 17, 2003.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATE: December 18, 2003

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

/s/ Rodney E. Schwatken

Rodney E. Schwatken

Vice President, Treasurer and Controller

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