

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 4

December 27, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MOLINARO SAMUEL L JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES
INC [BSC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP/CFO/COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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. 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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2007		M ⁽¹⁾		65,468	A	\$ 0	74,176	I	Joint with wife
Common Stock	12/21/2007		S		27,726	D	\$ 89.01	46,450	I	Joint with wife
Common Stock	12/27/2007		G		3,000	D	\$ 0	43,450	I	Joint with wife
Common Stock								38,022	D	
Common Stock								1,211	I	By ESOP

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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
CAP Units (2002)	(2)	12/21/2007		M ⁽¹⁾		65,468		11/30/2007	11/30/2007	Common Stock	65,468

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MOLINARO SAMUEL L JR C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179	EVP/CFO/COO

Signatures

/s/ Molinaro Jr.,
Samuel L. 12/27/2007

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Settlement of CAP Units and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to CAP Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.

(2) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price

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