

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
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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 *
HARTMAN SCOTT F

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)
C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC, 8140 WARD PARKWAY, STE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chariman & CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Deferred NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/24/2006		A	4,487 A \$ 0	1,135,239	D	
NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common					1,200	I	By Children

Stock

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

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTMAN SCOTT F C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC 8140 WARD PARKWAY, STE 300 KANSAS CITY, MO 64114			Chariman & CEO	

Signatures

Scott F. Hartman	02/28/2006
**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).
- Stock was granted as part of the 2005 bonus for this reporting person. The delivery of this stock was deferred pursuant to the NovaStar Financial, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan. The stock will be delivered upon the expiration of the deferral period pursuant to the NovaStar Financial, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan.

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