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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Haslam Steve M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC., Â 2114 CENTRAL STREET, SUITE 600</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>KANSAS CITY, Â MO Â 64108</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/08/2012</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC [NOVS]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Operating Officer</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	5,068	D	Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/07/2005	02/07/2015	Common Stock	419	\$ 168.52	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/08/2006	02/08/2016	Common Stock	1,305	\$ 124.84	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/14/2007	03/14/2017	Common Stock	14,088	\$ 16.72	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Haslam Steve M C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC. 2114 CENTRAL STREET, SUITE 600 KANSAS CITY, MO 64108	Â	Â	Â Chief Operating Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Steve Haslam 03/14/2012
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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