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

September 13, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-13533 (Commission File Number) 74-2830661 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(816) 237-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 2.03 - Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

Pursuant to Item 2.03 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.

Item 9.01 (c) - Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated September 13, 2004 NovaStar Closes \$2.2 billion Asset Backed Securitization.

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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.

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

DATE: September 13, 2004 /s/ Gregory S. Metz

Gregory S. Metz Chief Financial Officer

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