

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 J P MORGAN CHASE & CO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 270 PARK AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2008

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/01/2008		X	8,500 A	\$ 70 <u>(1)</u>	119,025,275	D
Common Stock	05/01/2008		X	2,400 A	\$ 120 <u>(1)</u>	119,027,675	D
Common Stock	05/01/2008		X	1,200 A	\$ 95 <u>(1)</u>	119,028,875	D
Common Stock	05/01/2008		X	2,500 A	\$ 100 <u>(1)</u>	119,031,375	D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Sell common Stock (Short Position)	\$ 70	05/01/2008		X	8,500	04/07/2008 01/16/2009	Common Stock	8,500
Options to Sell common Stock (Short Position)	\$ 120	05/01/2008		X	2,400	04/07/2008 01/15/2010	Common Stock	2,400
Options to Sell common Stock (Short Position)	\$ 95	05/01/2008		X	1,200	04/07/2008 01/16/2009	Common Stock	1,200
Options to Sell common Stock (Short Position)	\$ 100	05/01/2008		X	2,500	04/07/2008 01/16/2009	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
J P MORGAN CHASE & CO 270 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017			X	

Signatures

/s/ Anthony J.
Horan

05/05/2008

**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) Includes the indirect beneficial ownership of 31,000 shares owned by J.P. Morgan Whitefriars Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reporting Person.

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