

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
**LEHMAN MARK E**

(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)  
 11/17/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/17/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	85,578 D \$ 0	109,418	D	
Common Stock					100	I	By Custodian For Child
Common Stock					29,764	I	By Trust

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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (1999)	\$ 0	11/17/2004		J(2)	34,320	11/30/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock	34,320
CAP Units (2000)	\$ 0	11/17/2004		J(2)	31,689	11/30/2005	11/30/2005	Common Stock	31,689
CAP Units (2001)	\$ 0	11/17/2004		J(2)	4,310	11/30/2006	11/30/2006	Common Stock	4,310
CAP Units (2002)	\$ 0	11/17/2004		J(2)	13,528	11/30/2007	11/30/2007	Common Stock	13,528
CAP Units 2003	\$ 0	11/17/2004		J(2)	14,668	11/30/2008	11/30/2008	Common Stock	14,668
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 73.75	11/17/2004		J(2)	30,118	12/15/2006	12/15/2013	Common Stock	30,118
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.75	11/17/2004		J(2)	8,026	01/10/2003	01/10/2010	Common Stock	8,026
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.63	11/17/2004		J(2)	10,381	12/11/2003	12/11/2010	Common Stock	10,381
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$ 56.88	11/17/2004		J(2)	3,952	12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	3,952

Buy)

Employee

Stock

Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 64	11/17/2004	J <sup>(2)</sup>	8,500	11/30/2005	11/30/2012	Common Stock	8,500
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEHMAN MARK E C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179			EVP	

## Signatures

/s/ Lehman,  
Mark E. 11/23/2004

\_\_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) On November 17, 2004, the Reporting Person transferred 85,578 shares of the Company's common stock to his wife pursuant to a Property Settlement Agreement.  
The stock options and CAP Units were granted to the Reporting Person. On 11/17/04, the Reporting Person transferred the economic benefit of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units to his wife pursuant to a Property Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to the Property Settlement Agreement, the Reporting Person is deemed to hold 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units for the benefit of his wife. The Reporting Person's wife is entitled to 1/2 of the shares issued upon exercise of the stock options and vesting of the CAP Units and may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of 1/2 of the stock options and 1/2 of the CAP Units except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2)

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