HARTMAN SCOTT F

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2006

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify Chairman and CEO

C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC, 8140 WARD PARKWAY, **STE 300**

(Street)

(State)

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

Code V

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Amount

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

NovaStar Financial,

Inc. 02/08/2006 A 10,712 A \$0 1,130,752

D

Common Stock (1) (2)

NovaStar Financial,

By Inc. 1,200 Ι Common

Stock

Children

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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 out 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 31.21	02/08/2006		A	6,100	02/08/2007	02/08/2016	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	6,100
Stock Option	\$ 31.21	02/08/2006		A	6,100	02/08/2008	02/08/2016	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	6,100
Stock Option	\$ 31.21	02/08/2006		A	6,100	02/08/2009	02/08/2016	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	6,100
Stock Option	\$ 31.21	02/08/2006		A	6,101	02/08/2010	02/08/2016	NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock	6,101

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chairman and CEO

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HARTMAN SCOTT F C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC 8140 WARD PARKWAY, STE 300 KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

Signatures

Scott F. 02/08/2006 Hartman

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) This is a grant of restricted stock subject to a 5 year Cliff vesting period.
- (2) Restricted stock has voting rights and rights to receive dividends at transaction date, but is subject to forfeiture.

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