

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**02/24/2006**

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chairman & CEO**

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**KANSAS CITY, MO 64114**

(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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Deferred NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              | 4,487 A \$ 0  | 1,135,239   | D  |                                   |
| NovaStar Financial, Inc. Common                               |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,200   | I  | By Children                       |

Stock

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other          |
| HARTMAN SCOTT F<br>C/O NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC<br>8140 WARD PARKWAY, STE 300<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64114 |               |           |         | Chairman & CEO |

## Signatures

Scott F. Hartman 02/28/2006  
 \*\*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).
- Stock was granted as part of the 2005 bonus for this reporting person. The delivery of this stock was deferred pursuant to the NovaStar Financial, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan. The stock will be delivered upon the expiration of the deferral period pursuant to the NovaStar Financial, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan.

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