MATIS NINA Form 4 January 05, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MATIS NINA**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]

(Check all applicable)

1114 AVENUE OF THE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2012

Director _X__ Officer (give title .

10% Owner _ Other (specify

below)

below) Chief Legal Officer & CIO

AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - No | n-De | erivative Se | curitie | s Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|---|--------|--|-----------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2012 | | Code A | v V | Amount 130,741 (1) | or (D) | Price \$ 0 | (Instr. 3 and 4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2012 | | F | V | 53,588 (1) | D | \$0 | 283,537 (1) | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | | | | | | | | 497,648 (2) | D | |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|
| . 9 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MATIS NINA 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036 | | | Chief Legal Officer & CIO | | | |

Signatures

s/ Nina B Matis 01/05/2012

**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).
 - Effective January 1, 2012, the Reporting Person, Ms. Nina Matis, acquired 130,741 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units (Units) pursuant to an award originally dated December 19, 2008, as amended July 1, 2011. After deducting
- (1) 53,588 shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 77,153 shares of iStar common stock. Following the transactions reported in this Form 4, the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of a total of 283,537 shares of iStar common stock, which are owned directly.
- (2) The Reporting Person is also the holder of 497,648 Units representing the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of iStar common stock (net of shares deducted for taxes and other withholdings) if and when the Units vest.

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