

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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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 *
 GREENBERG ALAN C

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/20/2006

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

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.
 INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

(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

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(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 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 |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Ar or Nu of | |
| Forward Purchase Contract - Obligation to Sell ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(1)</u> | 09/20/2006 | J ⁽¹⁾ | | | | 27,063 <u>(1)</u> | 11/30/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/30/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 2 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GREENBERG ALAN C C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Greenberg,
Alan C. 09/20/2006

^{**}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).
- (1) On 9/20/06, the Reporting Person entered into a forward contract pursuant to the CAP Plan with The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. (BSC) in which the Reporting Person agreed to sell up to, and including, 27,063 common shares of BSC issuable upon settlement of CAP Units pursuant to the CAP Plan to BSC. The forward contract is subject to BSC's satisfaction of certain performance goals for the nine months ended 8/31/06. The forward contract will settle on 11/30/06. The per share price will be the average of the Daily Volume Weighted Average Prices of the common stock on each day that it trades between \$122 and \$152 during the period 9/5/06 through 11/29/06 (Included Days). The number of shares purchased pursuant to the forward contract will be a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Included Days and the denominator of which is the number of days the NYSE opens for trading between 9/5/06 and 11/29/06, multiplied by 27,063.

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