

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Bear Stearns Companies Inc. 2008 Trust | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2008 | BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.,Â 383 MADISON AVENUE | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Street) | | | ___ Director | | ___X___ 10% Owner |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10179 | | | ___ Officer | | ___ Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | | (specify below) |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | |
| | | | ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| | | | ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 27,316,339 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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