

NOVELLY PAUL A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NOVELLY PAUL A

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)  
02/29/2008

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

3920 N. A-1-A, UNIT 301

(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

FT. PIERCE, FL 34949

(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	02/29/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>		M		28	A	\$ 0
					3,523.244	D	<sup>(2)</sup>

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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/29/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>			28	02/29/2008	02/29/2008	Common Stock	28
Non-Employee Director Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 79.86	02/29/2008		A <sup>(3)</sup>			117	08/29/2008	02/28/2018	Common Stock	117
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/29/2008		A <sup>(4)</sup>			39	08/29/2008	08/29/2008	Common Stock	39

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOVELLY PAUL A 3920 N. A-1-A, UNIT 301 FT. PIERCE, FL 34949		X		

## Signatures

/s/ James F. Sanders                      03/04/2008

\_\_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) Automatic vesting of restricted stock units previously issued under the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.  
Includes all dividends through the transaction date. Does not include 125,000 shares owned by St. Albans Global Management LLLP, a
  - (2) Delaware limited liability limited partnership ("Global"), of which Mr. Novelly is the chief executive officer. Mr. Novelly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Global.
  - (3) Exempt issuance of options under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.
  - (4) Exempt grant of Restricted Stock Units under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.

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**Remarks:**

Attorney in fact for the Reporting Person, Paul A. Novelly

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