

SOLENDER MICHAEL S  
Form 4  
December 27, 2005

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SOLENDER MICHAEL S

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel

NEW YORK, NY 10179

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

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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 of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. D
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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)		S (	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (2005)	<u>(1)</u>	12/22/2005	<u>A</u> <sup>(2)</sup>		4,442		11/30/2010	11/30/2010	Common Stock	4,442
Emp. Stock Option (Rt. to Buy)	\$ 116.5	12/22/2005	A		4,731		12/22/2005	12/22/2015	Common Stock	4,731

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SOLENDER MICHAEL S C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179	General Counsel

## Signatures

/s/ Solender,  
Michael S. 12/23/2005

    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) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price
- (2) Deferral of compensation and credit to Reporting Person's Account (as of 12/22/05) pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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