

MFA FINANCIAL, 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 *
KRAUSS GEORGE H

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

 (Check all applicable)

C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR

 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/07/2013

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 \$0.01 per share	05/07/2013		M(1)		5,000	A	\$ 8.4	70,773	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/07/2013		F(2)		4,506	D	\$ 9.32	66,267	D

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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.4	05/07/2013		M	5,000	08/10/2005 08/10/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRAUSS GEORGE H C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 20TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

Signatures

/s/Shira Finkel,
Attorney-In-Fact
Date: 05/09/2013

**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) Shares acquired pursuant to exercise of non-qualified stock options granted to the reporting person on August 10, 2004
- (2) The reported disposition represents the withholding of stock to pay the option exercise price

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