HARRINGTON DONALD J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARRINGTON DONALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

INC [BSC]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2004

Officer (give title below)

X_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct

C/O ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY, 8000 UTOPIA

PARKWAY

1.Title of

Security

Stock

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

4. Securities

Transaction Acquired (A) or

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Securities

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

JAMAICA, NY 11439

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 12/28/2004 $M^{(1)}$ 300 \$0 356 D Α Stock Common 12/28/2004 300 D \$0 56 D G

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition	
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e (Month/Day/Y		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/28/2004		M <u>(1)</u>	30	0 09/26/2003	09/26/2003	Common Stock	300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HARRINGTON DONALD J C/O ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY 8000 UTOPIA PARKWAY JAMAICA, NY 11439	X					

Signatures

By: Donald J. Harrington 12/29/2004

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Settlement of Restricted Stock Units and distribution of common stock to non-employee directors pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option and Stock Unit Plan.
- (2) conversion or exercise price of derivative security is \$0.00

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