SOLENDER MICHAEL S

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

INC [BSC]

(Check all applicable)

General Counsel

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

12/28/2004

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

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

> (Street) 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

Following

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

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion

6. Date Exercisable and 5. Number (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	3)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (2004)	<u>(1)</u>	12/28/2004		A(2)		3,748		11/30/2009	11/30/2009	Common Stock	3,748
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 102.65	12/28/2004		A		4,404		12/28/2004	12/28/2014	Common Stock	4,404

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Renorting Owner Name / Address	

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. 12/29/2004

**Signature of Reporting 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) conversion or exercise price of derivative security is \$0.00
- (2) Deferral of compensation and credit to Reporting Person's Account (as of 12/28/04) pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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