

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MINIKES MICHAEL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/08/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		15,114 A \$ 73.75	265,114	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(2)</sup>		14,000 A \$ 64	279,114	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>		13,828 A \$ 56.88	292,942	D
Common Stock	05/08/2006		S		42,942 D \$ 142.28	250,000	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Emp. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 73.75	05/08/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	15,114	12/15/2006	12/15/2013	Common Stock	15,114
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.88	05/08/2006		M <sup>(3)</sup>	13,828	12/17/2004	12/17/2011	Common Stock	13,828
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 64	05/08/2006		M <sup>(2)</sup>	14,000	11/30/2005	11/30/2012	Common Stock	14,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Minikes,  
Michael

05/09/2006

\_\_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) Exercise of Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) granted 12/15/03 and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to Issuer's Stock Award Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Exercise of Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) granted 11/30/02 and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to Issuer's Stock Award Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Exercise of Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) granted 12/17/01 and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to Issuer's Stock Award Plan, exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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