

NewStar Financial, Inc.
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 30, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NewStar Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-33211
(Commission File Number)

54-2157878
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600, Boston, MA
(Address of principal executive offices)

02116
(Zip Code)

(617) 848-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On December 30, 2008, NewStar Financial, Inc. (the Company) entered into Amendment No.1 (the Amendment) to the Second Amended and Restated Sale and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 18, 2008 (the Agreement), by and among NewStar CP Funding LLC, as the seller, the Company, as the originator and as the servicer, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as the swingline purchaser, each of the institutional purchasers, conduit purchasers and purchaser agents party thereto, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as the administrative agent and as the WBNA agent, U.S. Bank National Association, as the trustee, and Lyon Financial Services, Inc., as the backup servicer.

The Amendment to the Agreement reduced the commitment amount under the credit facility from \$400,000,000 to \$350,000,000 and reduced the Company's advance borrowing base from an effective rate of 75% to 70%. The Amendment to the Agreement increased the concentration limits of assets in the Buildings and Real Estate Moody's Industry Classification Group to 33.5% of the outstanding credit facility amount for periods prior to and including April 17, 2009 (an increase of 13.5%) and to 20% of the outstanding credit facility amount for periods after April 17, 2009. There was \$210 million of advances under the line as of December 31, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

Date: January 2, 2009

By: /s/ JOHN K. BRAY
John K. Bray
Chief Financial Officer