

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SOLENDER MICHAEL S**

(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)  
 02/14/2005

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)  
 General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. P |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative 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 (2002)    | (1)                                      | 02/14/2005           | A(2)            |  | 123              |                  | 11/30/2007       | 11/30/2007      | Common Stock | 123                        |
| CAP Units 2003      | (1)                                      | 02/14/2005           | A(2)            |  | 224              |                  | 11/30/2008       | 11/30/2008      | Common Stock | 224                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| SOLENDER MICHAEL S<br>C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC.<br>383 MADISON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10179 |               |           | General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

By: Michael Solender 02/15/2005

\*\*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) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price
- (2) CAP Units credited to Reporting Person's account (as of 2/14/05) based on Fiscal Year 2004 Net Earnings Adjustments pursuant to the Issuer's Capital Accumulation Plan for Senior Managing Directors (CAP Plan); exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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