#### BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

Form 4

December 29, 2004

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* GREENBERG ALAN C

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES

(Check all applicable)

INC [BSC]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2004

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10179

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **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)	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)	\$ 0	12/28/2004		A <u>(1)</u>	52,477	11/30/2009	11/30/2009	Common Stock	52,477
Employee Stock Option (Rt. to Buy 07)	\$ 102.65	12/28/2004		A	98,176	12/28/2007	12/28/2014	Common Stock	98,176

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other			
GREENBERG ALAN C C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179	X					

# **Signatures**

/s/ Greenberg,

Alan C. 12/29/2004

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting 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) 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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