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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Person * Bear Stea 2008 Trust			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE (Street)				(Check all applicable) DirectorX 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
NEW YORK, NY 10179							_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	*		
Common Sto	ock		27,316,339	9	D	Â			
Reminder: Repo	_		ach class of securities benefic	ially S	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Direct (D) Security Exercisable Date Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bear Stearns Companies Inc. 2008 Trust C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NYÂ 10179

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Signatures

By: Wilmington Trust Company, as
Trustee 02/15/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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