

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
April 11, 2008

**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**

**April 9, 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)**

**500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600, Boston, MA 02116**

**54-2157878**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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(Address of principal executive offices) (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 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.**

On April 9, 2008 NewStar Financial, Inc. (the Company) entered into a letter agreement with Mr. Shoyer setting forth the terms of Mr. Shoyer's separation from the Company (the Letter Agreement).

Under the Letter Agreement, Mr. Shoyer's employment with the Company ended effective as of the close of business on April 10, 2008 (the Separation Date). In addition to any salary payments owing for the final payroll period through the Separation Date and whatever vested rights he has under the Company's 401(k) plan, Mr. Shoyer shall receive the following payment(s) and benefits, among others: (i) continuation of his annual base salary until six months from the Separation Date (the Severance Period), (ii) a payment of a one-time lump sum amount of \$225,000 to be paid within 30 days of the Separation Date, (iii) accelerated vesting of certain restricted stock and stock options granted to Mr. Shoyer and (iv) a period of ninety (90) days following the expiration of the Severance Period to exercise any vested options.

All descriptions of the terms of the Letter Agreement are qualified in their entirety by the full text of the Letter Agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Letter Agreement dated April 9, 2008 between NewStar Financial, Inc. and Timothy C. Shoyer.

**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: April 10, 2008

By: /s/ **John K. Bray**  
**John K. Bray**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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