SOLENDER MICHAEL S

Form 4

December 30, 2004

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SOLENDER MICHAEL S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2004

below) General Counsel

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10179

(State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

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 | 3) | 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) | <u>(1)</u> | 12/28/2004 | | A(2) | | 3,748 | | 11/30/2009 | 11/30/2009 | Common Stock | 3,748 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 102.65 | 12/28/2004 | | A | | 4,404 | | 12/28/2004 | 12/28/2014 | Common Stock | 4,404 |

Reporting Owners

| Departing Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SOLENDER MICHAEL S C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179

General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Solender, Michael S. 12/29/2004

**Signature of Reporting 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) conversion or exercise price of derivative security is \$0.00
- (2) 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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