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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC [BSC]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO.

(First)

(Street)

(State)

INC., 383 MADISON AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/18/2006

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

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		1401	CI MON D	1 Tion Delivative Securities required, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Switch					
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or	Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/18/2006		M(1)	5,768	A	\$ 0	20,768	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2006		D	5,768	D	\$ 164.68	15,000	D	

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number iomf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CAP Units (2001)	(2)	12/18/2006		M(1)		5,768	11/30/2006	11/30/2006	Common Stock	5,768

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

GREENBERG ALAN C C/O BEAR, STEARNS & CO. INC. 383 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10179



Signatures

/s/ Greenberg,

Alan C. 12/19/2006

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

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- * 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) Settlement of CAP Units and distribution of common stock to Reporting Person pursuant to CAP Plan; exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) This type of derivative security typically does not have a conversion or exercise price

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