

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC  
Form 8-K  
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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

May 4, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

001-13533  
(Commission File Number)

74-2830661  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8140 Ward Parkway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64114

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(816) 237-7000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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))
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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On May 4, 2006, NovaStar Financial Inc. announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006. First quarter 2006 net income available to common shareholders was reported as \$22.4 million and diluted earnings per share available to common shareholders were \$0.69. The press release announcing the earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006 is included as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

References to the registrant's website do not incorporate by reference the information on the registrant's website into this Current Report and the registrant disclaims any such incorporation by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release dated May 4, 2006 NovaStar Financial Announces First-Quarter Results and Earnings, Declares \$1.40 Per Share Dividend on Common Stock.

**SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

DATE: May 5, 2006

/s/ Gregory S. Metz  
Gregory S. Metz  
Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit Index**

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Number

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