

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-A12G
January 13, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or 12(g) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

NOVASTAR FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other

Jurisdiction (of Incorporation)

8140 Ward Parkway, Suite 300

Kansas City, Missouri
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

74-2830661
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

64114
(Zip Code)

(816) 237-7000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which

to be so registered

each class is to be registered

Not applicable

Not applicable

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-110574

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share

(Title of Class)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The title of the preferred stock of the Registrant being registered hereby is ___ % Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the Preferred Stock). The description of the Preferred Stock is contained in the Registrant's Rule 424(b)(5) filing of January 6, 2004, relating to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 18, 2003, under the caption, Description of Series C Preferred Stock, which description is hereby incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Instruments defining the rights of holders of the securities being registered hereunder:

- 3.1* Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant.
- 3.3* Bylaws of the Registrant.
- 3.3a** Amendment to Bylaws of the Registrant.
- 3.5*** Articles Supplementary of the Registrant, dated as of January __, 2004, as filed with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.
- 4.3*** Specimen Certificate of Preferred Stock.

* Incorporated by reference to the correspondingly numbered exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (373-32327) filed by the Registrant with the SEC on July 29 1997, as amended.

** Incorporated by reference to the correspondingly numbered exhibit to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by the Registrant with the SEC on March 20, 2000.

*** To be filed by amendment.

