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

November 7, 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

001-13533 (Commission File Number) 74-2830661 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

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

Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(816) 237-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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(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))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 7, 2006, NovaStar Financial Inc. announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2006. Third quarter 2006 net income available to common shareholders was reported as \$25.3 million and diluted earnings per share available to common shareholders were \$0.73. The press release announcing the earnings for the third quarter ended September 30, 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 November 7, 2006 NovaStar Financial Announces Third-Quarter 2006 Results.

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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: November 7, 2006

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

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99 Press Release dated November 7, 2006 NovaStar Financial Announces Third-Quarter 2006 Results.