

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
May 14, 2007

**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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 14, 2007

**THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

File No. 1-8989  
(Commission File  
Number)

13-3286161  
(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 272-2000

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. announced that it has acquired the outstanding minority interest in Bear Wagner Specialists from its partner, Hunter Partners LLC. In addition, the Company will be writing down existing intangible assets, representing goodwill and specialist rights, relating to its original purchase of Wagner Stott Mercator, LLC in April, 2001. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

This information shall be considered "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit:

(99) Press Release, dated May 14, 2007.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

By:

/s/ Jeffrey M. Farber  
Jeffrey M. Farber

Senior Vice President Finance, Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: May 14, 2007

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Description  
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