BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form SC 13D/A December 07, 2007

## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

(Rule 13d-101)

**Under The Securities Exchange Act of 1934** 

(Amendment No. 1)

## THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

073902108

(CUSIP Number)

Thomas B. Youth

c/o Tavistock Group

P.O. Box 9000

9350 Conroy-Windemere Road

Windemere, Florida 34786

Telephone Number: (407) 909-9000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**December 5, 2007** 

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box.

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1. Names of Repo	rting l	Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).	
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(a) " (b) " 3. SEC Use Only			
4. Source of Fund	s (See	Instructions)	
WC 5. Check if Disclo	sure o	of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
6. Citizenship or I	Place o	of Organization	
Bahamas	7.	Sole Voting Power	
NUMBER OF			
SHARES	8.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Voting Power	
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED BY		650,000 (see Item 5)	
EACH	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH	10.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Dispositive Power	

# 650,000 (see Item 5)

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

## 650,000 (see Item 5)

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

## 0.56% (see Item 5)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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6. Citizenship or	· Place o	of Organization	
Bahamas	7.	Sole Voting Power	
NUMBER OF			
SHARES	8.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Voting Power	
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED BY		1,475,300 (see Item 5)	
EACH	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH	10.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Dispositive Power	

1,475,300 (see Item 5)
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

## 1,475,300 (see Item 5)

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

## 1.27% (see Item 5)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Repo	rting Persons.	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of abov	e persons (entities only).		
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(a) " (b) " 3. SEC Use Only					
4. Source of Fund	s (See Instruct	ons)			
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6. Citizenship or I	Place of Organ	zation			
Bahamas	7. Sole Vo	oting Power			
NUMBER OF					
SHARES		(tem 5) Voting Power			
BENEFICIALLY					
OWNED BY	1 008	900 (see Item 5)			
EACH					
REPORTING					
PERSON		( <b>tem 5</b> ) Dispositive Power			
WITH		£			
11. Aggregate Amo		000 (see Item 5)  By Owned by Each Reporting Per	son		

## 1,008,900 (see Item 5)

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

## 0.87% (see Item 5)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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		(Amendment No. 1)	
1. Names of Rep	orting	Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).	
Mandarin, In 2. Check the App		te Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)	
(a) "			
(b) " 3. SEC Use Only	,		
4. Source of Fun	ds (See	e Instructions)	
WC 5. Check if Discl	osure (	of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
6. Citizenship or	Place	of Organization	
Bahamas	7.	Sole Voting Power	
NUMBER OF			
SHARES	8.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Voting Power	
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED BY		3,838,572 (see Item 5)	
EACH	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	
REPORTING			
PERSON	10.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Dispositive Power	
WITH			
11		3,838,572 (see Item 5) Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	

## 3,838,572 (see Item 5)

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

## 3.32% (see Item 5)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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1. Names of Rep	orting !	Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).	
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4. Source of Fun	ds (See	Instructions)	
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6. Citizenship or	Place	of Organization	
Bahamas	7.	Sole Voting Power	
NUMBER OF			
SHARES	8.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Voting Power	
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED BY		2,280,281 (see Item 5)	
EACH	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH	10.	0 (see Item 5) Shared Dispositive Power	

2,280,281 (see Item 5)
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

## 2,280,281 (see Item 5)

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

## 1.97% (see Item 5)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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		(Amendment No. 1)	
Names of Reports	ng Persons. I.R.S. Identific	cation Nos. of above persons (entities only).	
Joseph Lewis 2. Check the Appropriate (a) "	priate Box if a Member of a	a Group (See Instructions)	
(b) 3. SEC Use Only			
4. Source of Funds	See Instructions)		
OO 5. Check if Disclose	ire of Legal Proceedings Is	Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	
6. Citizenship or Pla	ace of Organization		
United Kingdom	7. Sole Voting Power		
NUMBER OF			
SHARES	0 (see Item 5) 8. Shared Voting Power		
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED BY	9,253,053 (see Item :	5)	
EACH	9. Sole Dispositive Power		
REPORTING			
PERSON	0 (see Item 5)  O. Shared Dispositive Po	ower	
WITH			
11. Aggregate Amou	<b>9,253,053 (see Item</b> and the Beneficially Owned by I		

## 9,253,053 (see Item 5)

- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

## 8.01% (see Item 5)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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#### Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment ) relates to the Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the Shares ) of The Bear Stearns Companies Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer or the Company ). The Issuer s principal executive offices are located at 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179. This Amendment is filed jointly pursuant to Commission Rule 13d-1(k)(1) by Aquarian Investments Ltd. ( Aquarian ), Cambria Inc. ( Cambria ), Darcin Inc. ( Darcin ), Mandarin, Inc. ( Mandarin ), Nivon Inc. ( Nivon ), and Joseph Lewis (collectively, to Reporting Persons ) and amends the Schedule 13D originally filed by the Reporting Persons on September 10, 2007 (the Initial 13D).

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Item 3 of the Initial 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Aquarian, Cambria, Darcin, Mandarin, Nivon and Joseph Lewis may be deemed the beneficial owners in the aggregate of 9,253,053 Shares owned directly by Aquarian, Cambria, Darcin, Mandarin and Nivon. The aggregate purchase price for the 9,253,053 Shares was approximately \$1,003,475,581 and was paid out of working capital by the respective purchasers.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Initial 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

As of December 5, 2007, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 9,253,053 Shares, representing 8.01% of the Issuer s outstanding Shares (based on 115,461,065 Shares stated to be outstanding as of October 8, 2007 by the Issuer in the Issuer s Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 10, 2007). Aquarian, Cambria, Darcin, Mandarin and Nivon have shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to the 650,000, 1,475,300, 1,008,900, 3,838,572 and 2,280,281 Shares, respectively, that they own directly. Joseph Lewis has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to each of the Shares owned directly by Aquarian, Cambria, Darcin, Mandarin and Nivon.

Set forth below are the number of Shares, trading dates and average price per Share for all transactions in the Shares made by Aquarian, Cambria, Darcin, Mandarin and Nivon within the past 60 days. Except as indicated, all transactions were open market transactions and were effected on the New York Stock Exchange.

	Number of Shares		Price per
Name	Purchased	Date	Share
Mandarin	1,569,000	10/19/2007	118.8017
Mandarin	687,300	10/19/2007	120.00*
Mandarin	400	11/5/2007	120.00*
Mandarin	5,200	11/6/2007	120.00*
Mandarin	20,000	12/5/2007	110.00*

<sup>\*</sup> Represents shares acquired pursuant to exercise of options by option counterparty.

Only Aquarian, Cambria, Darcin, Mandarin and Nivon have the right to receive dividends and the proceeds from the sale of the Shares beneficially owned by the respective Reporting Persons.

#### Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

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Exhibit0 No. Description

Joint Filing Agreement, dated December 6, 2007, by and among Aquarian Investments Ltd., Cambria Inc., Darcin Inc., Mandarin, Inc., Nivon Inc. and Joseph Lewis.

#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this amendment is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 6, 2007

#### AQUARIAN INVESTMENTS LTD.

By: /s/ Jefferson R. Voss Name: Jefferson R. Voss

Title: Vice President

#### CAMBRIA INC.

By: /s/ Jefferson R. Voss Name: Jefferson R. Voss

Title: Vice President

#### DARCIN INC.

By: /s/ Jefferson R. Voss Name: Jefferson R. Voss

Title: Vice President

#### MANDARIN, INC.

By: /s/ Jefferson R. Voss Name: Jefferson R. Voss

Title: Vice President

#### NIVON INC.

By: /s/ Jefferson R. Voss Name: Jefferson R. Voss

Title: Vice President

#### JOSEPH LEWIS

By: /s/ Joseph Lewis

Joseph Lewis, Individually

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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