NewStar Financial, Inc. Form 8-K February 18, 2009

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

February 18, 2009

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NewStar Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33211 54-2157878

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File (IRS Employer

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incorporation) Number)
500 Boylston Street, Suite 1600, Boston, MA 02116

Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 848-2500

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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))

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 18, 2009, NewStar Financial, Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated February 18, 2009.

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SIGNATURES

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.

NEWSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

Date: February 18, 2009

By: /s/ JOHN K. BRAY

John K. Bray

Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated February 18, 2009.