FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MCDONALD JOHN G			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [ SFI ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner								
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(Last) (First) (Middle) GSB, STANFORD UNIVERSITY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/03/2003										Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify		
G3D, 311	ANFORD C	JINIVERSIII																		
518 MEMORIAL WAY					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicab Line)												olicable		
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(City)	(St	ate)	(Zip)																	
		Tab	le I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	ecurities	Acc	quired, Di	spose	d of	f, or Ben	efici	ially	Owned					
Date				action 2A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/		Date,	3. Transactio Code (Inst ) 8)	ransaction Disposed ode (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		r and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form: I	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n Derivative		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	te Amo ear) Secu Undo Deriv		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		3. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
									Date	Expira	ıtion		Amo or Num of	ber		Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		;)		
				- 10	Code	٧	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Date		Title	Shar	es						
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	06/03/2003			A		2,500 <sup>(1)</sup>		(2)	(2)	)	Common Stock	2,5	00	\$0	2,50	0	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	10/29/2003			P		44 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	)	Common Stock	44	4	\$37.87	2,54	4	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	12/29/2003			P		44 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	)	Common Stock	44	4	\$38.7	2,58	8	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	04/29/2004			P		50 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	)	Common Stock	50	)	\$36.15	2,63	8	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	05/25/2004			A		2,500 <sup>(1)</sup>		(2)	(2)	)	Common Stock	2,5	00	\$0	5,13	8	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	07/29/2004			P		95 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)	)	Common Stock	95	5	\$37.03	5,23	3	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	10/29/2004			A		88 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)		Common Stock	88	3	\$41.42	5,32	1	D		
Common Stock Equivalents	\$0	12/29/2004			A		83 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(2)		Common Stock	82	2	\$44.7	5,40	3	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Under the iStar Financial Inc. Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan ("Plan"), the reporting person receives an annual grant of 2,500 common stock equivalents commencing with the 2003 annual meeting of shareholders. Each annual award vests on the date of the next following annual meeting after the date of grant, except the 2003 award vested 18 months after the date of grant.
- 2. Vested common stock equivalents will be distributed to the holder following the earlier of (i) the holder's ceasing to be a non-employee director or (ii) the holder's death, or upon a change of control. Distributions will be in the form of an equal number of shares of common stock, unless the holder elects to receive payment in cash.
- 3. Each common stock equivalent entitles the holder to receive a dividend equivalent right, which consists of the right to receive a cash payment equal to the dividend paid on a share of iStar common stock. In lieu of payment of dividend equivalent rights in cash, the reporting person has elected to have additional common stock equivalents credited in respect of a dividend equivalent payment, in accordance with the Plan.

s/ John G. McDonald

05/02/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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