

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MATIS NINA</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1114 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 39TH FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK NY 10036 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Legal Officer & CIO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2012	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A	V	130,741 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	283,537 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2012		F	V	53,588 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$0	283,537 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Restricted Stock Units								497,648 ⁽²⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Effective January 1, 2012, the Reporting Person, Ms. Nina Matis, acquired 130,741 shares of iStar common stock upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units (Units) pursuant to an award originally dated December 19, 2008, as amended July 1, 2011. After deducting 53,588 shares for applicable tax withholding, the Reporting Person acquired a net amount of 77,153 shares of iStar common stock. Following the transactions reported in this Form 4, the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of a total of 283,537 shares of iStar common stock, which are owned directly.

2. The Reporting Person is also the holder of 497,648 Units representing the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of iStar common stock (net of shares deducted for taxes and other withholdings) if and when the Units vest.

s/ Nina B Matis

01/05/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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