

NewStar Financial, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2010

**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 17, 2010**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**NewStar Financial, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission

(IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

500 Boylston Street, Suite 1250, Boston, MA 02116

(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.)

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:

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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 17, 2010, NewStar Financial, Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009. 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 17, 2010.

**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 17, 2010

By: /s/ JOHN KIRBY BRAY  
**John Kirby Bray**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|------------------------|---|
| 99.1                   | Press Release of NewStar Financial, Inc. dated February 17, 2010. |