

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-K
June 19, 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 15, 2009**

iStar Financial Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-15371
(Commission File
Number)

95-6881527
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

1114 Avenue of the Americas, 39th Floor
New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10036
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 930-9400**

N/A

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(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))
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ITEM 8.01 Other Events.

On June 15, 2009, iStar Financial Inc. (the Company) entered into a settlement agreement with its landlord regarding a long-term lease for headquarters space dated May 22, 2007 (as amended and restated, the Lease).

Under the settlement, the Company agreed to pay the landlord an approximately \$42 million dollar settlement payment (the Settlement Payment) over a period of 6 months in order to settle all disputes between the Company and the landlord relating to the Lease and the landlord agreed, among other things, to terminate the Lease. The Company expects to record the Settlement Payment in its financial statements for the quarter ending June 30, 2009.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

iSTAR FINANCIAL INC.

Date: June 19, 2009

By: /s/ Jay Sugarman
Jay Sugarman
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 19, 2009

By: /s/ James D. Burns
James D. Burns
Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer