ISTAR FINANCIAL INC

Form 4

November 04, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCDONALD JOHN G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

GSB STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 518 MEMORIAL WY

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

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Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

STANFORD, CA 94305-5015

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6,000

6. Ownership 7. Nature of 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or (D) Price Code V Amount

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock, par 11/04/2008 value \$.001

per share

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26,450 (1)

Trustee of Family Trust

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	nt of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					4, and 3)				Amount		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships

MCDONALD JOHN G
GSB STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 518 MEMORIAL WY
STANFORD, CA 94305-5015

Signatures

s/ John G. McDonald 11/04/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

On November 4, 2008, the Reporting Person purchased 6,000 shares of common stock of iStar Financial Inc. at an average price of \$1.25 per share. The Reporting Person holds beneficial ownership of these shares indirectly as trustee of a family trust established by the

(1) Reporting Person. Following this transaction, the Reporting Person beneficially owns a total of 44,000 shares of iStar common stock, consisting of 17,550 shares owned indirectly in an individual retirement account established by the Reporting Person and 26,450 shares owned indirectly as trustee of a family trust.

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