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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **REISS DALE ANN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

ISTAR FINANCIAL INC [SFI]

(Check all applicable)

589 KINZIE ISLAND COURT

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2009

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SANIBEL, FL 33957

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 7. Title and Amount of 4. 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Common

Stock \$0\$ 05/27/2009 A $\frac{22,013}{(1)}$ $\frac{(2)}{\text{Stock}}$ $\frac{(2)}{\text{Stock}}$ 22,013

Equivalents

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REISS DALE ANN 589 KINZIE ISLAND COURT X SANIBEL, FL 33957

Signatures

Reporting Person

Dale Anne Reiss 05/27/2009

**Signature of Date

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).
- The Reporting Person has been awarded 22,013 Common Stock Equivalents ("CSEs") under the iStar Financial Inc. Non-Employee

 (1) Directors' Deferral Plan ("Plan"). These CSEs will vest on the date of the 2010 annual meeting of shareholders, subject to the provisions of the Plan.
 - On the relevant distribution date, vested CSEs will be settled by the transfer of shares of iStar common stock to the participant, unless a participant elects to receive some or all of a distribution of his or her CSEs in cash, based upon the fair market value of iStar common
- (2) stock on the date of the distribution. The "regular distribution date" for distributions to participants is the earlier of: (1) January 1 on or next following the earlier of (i) the date the participant ceases to be a non-employee director; and (ii) the date of the participant's death; and (2) a change of control (as defined in the Plan). A participant, under certain limited circumstances, is permitted to elect to receive distributions at times other than the regular distribution date.
- (3) The Reporting Person also holds 2,500 CSEs previously awarded under the Plan, which are vested.

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