NewStar Financial, Inc. Form 8-K December 22, 2014

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

December 22, 2014 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

NewStar Financial, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-33211 (Commission File Number) 54-2157878 (IRS Employer 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.)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 22, 2014, NewStar Financial, Inc. (the "Company") repurchased 1,000,000 shares of its common stock in a privately negotiated transaction with an unaffiliated third party for an aggregate purchase price of \$10,240,000. The repurchase was not made under the \$10,000,000 repurchase program announced by the Company on August 13, 2014, pursuant to which approximately \$5.6 million of common stock may yet be repurchased.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

NEWSTAR FINANCIAL, INC. Date: December 22, 2014 By: /s/ JOHN KIRBY BRAY John Kirby Bray Chief Financial Officer