ISTAR FINANCIAL INC Form 8-K February 26, 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): February 26, 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

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o 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 26, 2009, iStar Financial Inc. issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless it is specifically incorporated by reference therein.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Earnings Release.

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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: February 26, 2009 By: /s/ Jay Sugarman

Jay Sugarman

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 26, 2009 By: /s/ Catherine D. Rice

Catherine D. Rice Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

Earnings Release. 99.1