

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP

Form SC 13G

January 23, 2002

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

(Name of Issuer)  
NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP.

(Title of Class of Securities)  
Common Stock

(CUSIP Number)  
64352D101

Check the following box if a fee  
is being paid with this statement.  
(A fee is not required only if the  
filing person: (1) has a previous  
statement on file reporting beneficial  
ownership of more than five percent of  
the class of securities described in Item 1;  
and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent  
thereto reporting beneficial ownership of  
five percent or less of such class.)  
(See Rule 13d-7).

\*The remainder of this cover page  
shall be filled out for a reporting  
persons initial filing on this form  
with respect to the subject class of  
securities, and for any subsequent  
amendment containing information which  
would alter the disclosures provided  
in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder  
of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be filed for the purpose of Section  
18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities  
of that section of the Act but shall  
be subject to all other provisions of  
the Act (however, see the Notes).

- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON  
THOMSON HORSTMANN & BRYANT, INC.  
22-3508647
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
N/A
- 3 SEC USE ONLY

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- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
A DELAWARE CORPORATION  
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663
- 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
673,800
- 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
31,800
- 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,227,500
- 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
NONE
- 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,227,500
- 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
N/A
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
5.99%
- 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*  
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ITEM 1.

- (A) NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP.  
(B) 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000, IRVINE, CA 92612

ITEM 2.

- (A) THOMSON HORSTMANN & BRYANT, INC.  
(B) PARK 80 WEST, PLAZA TWO, SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663  
(C) A DELAWARE CORPORATION  
(D) COMMON  
(E) 64352D101

ITEM 3.

- (E) INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTERED  
UNDER SECTION 203 OF THE INVESTMENT  
ADVISERS ACT OF 1940

ITEM 4.

- (A) 1,227,500  
(B) 5.99%  
(C) (I) 673,800  
(II) 31,800  
(III) 1,227,500  
(IV) NONE

ITEM 5. N/A

ITEM 6. N/A

ITEM 7. N/A

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ITEM 8. N/A

ITEM 9. N/A

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that,  
to the best of my knowledge and belief,  
the securities referred to above were acquired  
in the ordinary course of business and were  
not acquired for the purpose of and do not  
have the effect of changing or influencing  
the control of the issuer of such securities  
and were not acquired in connection with or  
as a participant in any transaction having  
such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best  
of my knowledge and belief, I certify that  
the information set forth in this statement  
is true, complete and correct.

Richard A. Horstmann, VP  
Date: 1/22/02