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

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2008

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Bank of Nova Scotia  
Address: 40 King St. West  
Scotia Plaza 9th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 1H1

13F File Number: 28-11475

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Abdurrehman Muhammadi  
Title: Vice President, Financial Accounting and Reporting  
Phone: 416-866-7898

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Abdurrehman Muhammadi Toronto, On, Canada May 06, 2008

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [ ] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.  
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[ X] 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

Form 13F File Number	Name
28-11461	Scotia Capital Inc.
28-11460	Scotia Cassels Investment Counsel Ltd.
28-11459	Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Co.

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 1  
 Form13F Information Table Entry Total: 158  
 Form13F Information Table Value Total: \$17,692,791 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

No.	13F File Number	Name
	28-11472	BNS Investment Inc.

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE				PUT/ CALL	INVSTMT DSCRETN	OTH MANA
			VALUE (x\$1000)	SHARES/ PRN	SH/ AMT	PRN			
3M CO	COM	88579Y101	966	12245	SH		DEFINED	1	
ACCENTURE LTD BERMUDA	CL A	G1150G111	879	25000	SH		SOLE		
AGNICO EAGLE MINES LTD	COM	008474108	15200	224107	SH		SOLE		
AGRIUM INC	COM	008916108	15866	255436	SH		SOLE		
ALCOA INC	COM	013817101	426	11845	SH		DEFINED	1	
ALTRIA GROUP INC	COM	02209S103	282	12745	SH		DEFINED	1	
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	COM	025816109	555	12745	SH		DEFINED	1	
AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC	COM	026874107	548	12715	SH		DEFINED	1	
AMGEN INC	COM	031162100	4178	100000	SH		SOLE		
ANADARKO PETE CORP	COM	032511107	9455	150000	SH		SOLE		
ANHEUSER BUSCH COS INC	COM	035229103	3559	75000	SH		SOLE		
APPLE INC	COM	037833100	486	4000	SH		DEFINED	1	
AT&T INC	COM	00206R102	467	12245	SH		DEFINED	1	
BALLARD PWR SYS INC	COM	05858H104	261	63000	SH		SOLE		
BANK MONTREAL QUE	COM	063671101	982530	21949312	SH		SOLE		
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505104	23694	625000	SH		SOLE		
BARRICK GOLD CORP	COM	067901108	173163	3960688	SH		SOLE		
BCE INC	COM NEW	05534B760	4756	140500	SH		SOLE	1	
BCE INC	COM NEW	05534B760	1185502	35019222	SH		SOLE		
BIOVAIL CORP	COM	09067J109	50212	4664610	SH		SOLE		
BOEING CO	COM	097023105	944	12745	SH		DEFINED	1	
BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO	COM	110122108	2663	125000	SH		SOLE		
BROOKFIELD ASSET MGMT INC	CL A LTD VT SH	112585104	560237	20791149	SH		SOLE		
BROOKFIELD PPTYS CORP	COM	112900105	25924	1343885	SH		SOLE		
CAE INC	COM	124765108	16755	1478832	SH		SOLE		
CAMECO CORP	COM	13321L108	34187	1037039	SH		SOLE		
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	COM	136385101	187193	2734502	SH		SOLE		
CANADIAN NATL RY CO	COM	136375102	244211	5036918	SH		SOLE		
CANADIAN PAC RY LTD	COM	13645T100	51272	797428	SH		SOLE		
CATERPILLAR INC DEL	COM	149123101	955	12240	SH		DEFINED	1	
CDN IMPERIAL BK OF COMMERCE	COM	136069101	979496	15211124	SH		SOLE		

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CEMEX SAB DE CV	SPON ADR NEW	151290889	17631	675000	SH	SOLE
CHC HELICOPTER CORP	CL A SUB VTG	12541C203	38352	1295000	SH	SOLE
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP	COM	165167107	4615	100000	SH	SOLE
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	252	11830	SH	DEFINED 1
CITIGROUP INC	COM	172967101	16601	775000	SH	SOLE
CLEARPOINT BUSINESS RES INC	COM	185061108	549	840000	SH	SOLE
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	3044	50000	SH	SOLE
COCA COLA CO	COM	191216100	773	12745	SH	DEFINED 1
COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE	SPONSORED ADR	204412209	1938	56000	SH	SOLE
COMPANIA DE MINAS BUENAVENTU	SPONSORED ADR	204448104	2740	40000	SH	DEFINED 1
CONCUR TECHNOLOGIES INC	COM	206708109	457	14709	SH	SOLE
CORUS ENTERTAINMENT INC	COM CL B NON VTG	220874101	11697	666666	SH	SOLE
CVS CAREMARK CORPORATION	COM	126650100	6077	150000	SH	SOLE
DENISON MINES CORP	COM	248356107	1146	181500	SH	SOLE
DISNEY WALT CO	COM DISNEY	254687106	367	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
DOW CHEM CO	COM	260543103	10134	275000	SH	SOLE
DU PONT E I DE NEMOURS & CO	COM	263534109	552	11845	SH	DEFINED 1
E TRADE FINANCIAL CORP	COM	269246104	77	20000	SH	SOLE
EL PASO CORP	COM	28336L109	3328	200000	SH	SOLE
ENBRIDGE INC	COM	29250N105	659402	15990478	SH	SOLE
ENCANA CORP	COM	292505104	407695	5354262	SH	SOLE
ENERPLUS RES FD	UNIT TR G NEW	29274D604	31480	723886	SH	SOLE
ENTERRA ENERGY TR	TR UNIT	29381P102	412	225000	SH	SOLE
ERICSSON L M TEL CO	ADR B SEK 10	294821608	8444	430100	SH	SOLE
EXXON MOBIL CORP	COM	30231G102	1074	12745	SH	DEFINED 1
FLEXTRONICS INTL LTD	ORD	Y2573F102	1878	200000	SH	SOLE
FORDING CDN COAL TR	TR UNIT	345425102	12683	242260	SH	SOLE
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COM	369604103	437	11845	SH	DEFINED 1
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COM	369604103	8327	225000	SH	SOLE
GENERAL MTRS CORP	COM	370442105	225	11845	SH	DEFINED 1
GENEREX BIOTECHNOLOGY CP DEL	COM	371485103	1496	1360300	SH	SOLE
GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC	COM	375916103	6114	162100	SH	SOLE
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC	SPONSORED ADR	37733W105	216	5100	SH	SOLE
GOLDCORP INC NEW	COM	380956409	54760	1409152	SH	SOLE
HALLIBURTON CO	COM	406216101	7866	200000	SH	SOLE
HARRY WINSTON DIAMOND CORP	COM	41587B100	7187	300000	SH	SOLE
HARVEST ENERGY TR	TRUST UNIT	41752X101	26520	1183809	SH	SOLE
HEWLETT PACKARD CO	COM	428236103	541	11895	SH	DEFINED 1
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	327	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
HOME DEPOT INC	COM	437076102	8391	300000	SH	SOLE
HONEYWELL INTL INC	COM	438516106	716	12745	SH	DEFINED 1
IMPERIAL OIL LTD	COM NEW	453038408	448620	8559634	SH	SOLE
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	248	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
INTEL CORP	COM	458140100	2118	100000	SH	SOLE
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS	COM	459200101	1347	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
INTEROIL CORP	COM	460951106	4484	265470	SH	SOLE
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	759	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	COM	478160104	11352	175000	SH	SOLE
JP MORGAN CHASE & CO	COM	46625H100	545	12745	SH	DEFINED 1
KINROSS GOLD CORP	COM NO PAR	496902404	21402	959333	SH	SOLE
LULULEMON ATHLETICA INC	COM	550021109	5641	198100	SH	SOLE
LUNDIN MINING CORP	COM	550372106	3531	517853	SH	SOLE
MAGNA INTL INC	CL A	559222401	26456	363838	SH	SOLE
MANULIFE FINL CORP	COM	56501R106	1980827	51751558	SH	SOLE
MASTERCARD INC	CL A	57636Q104	7285	32668	SH	SOLE
MCDONALDS CORP	COM	580135101	653	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
MDS INC	COM	55269P302	7153	367148	SH	SOLE
MERCK & CO INC	COM	589331107	463	12245	SH	DEFINED 1
MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC	COM	590188108	2037	50000	SH	SOLE
METHANEX CORP	COM	59151K108	42230	1605498	SH	SOLE
MI DEVS INC	CL A SUB VTG	55304X104	27993	959412	SH	SOLE
MICROSOFT CORP	COM	594918104	332	11745	SH	DEFINED 1

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MINEFINDERS LTD	COM	602900102	1218	100000	SH	SOLE
MOLSON COORS BREWING CO	CL B	60871R209	3368	64270	SH	SOLE
MOODYS CORP	COM	615369105	871	25000	SH	SOLE
NEUROCHEM INC	COM	64125K101	349	220900	SH	SOLE
NEW GOLD INC CDA	COM	644535106	1567	225000	SH	SOLE
NEXEN INC	COM	65334H102	94730	3192441	SH	SOLE
NISOURCE INC	COM	65473P105	5172	300000	SH	SOLE
NORTEL NETWORKS CORP NEW	COM NEW	656568508	4665	684064	SH	SOLE
NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LT	COM NEW	66510M204	2289	250000	SH	SOLE
NOVA CHEMICALS CORP	COM	66977W109	42450	1775442	SH	SOLE
NOVAGOLD RES INC	COM NEW	66987E206	777	100000	SH	SOLE
OPEN TEXT CORP	COM	683715106	5790	183000	SH	SOLE
ORBITAL SCIENCES CORP	COM	685564106	349	14500	SH	DEFINED 1
PAETEC HOLDING CORP	COM	695459107	5569	836205	SH	SOLE
PENGROWTH ENERGY TR	TR UNIT NEW	706902509	2700	140901	SH	SOLE
PENN WEST ENERGY TR	TR UNIT	707885109	24497	873327	SH	SOLE
PETRO-CDA	COM	71644E102	134403	3085253	SH	SOLE
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	255	12245	SH	DEFINED 1
PFIZER INC	COM	717081103	18314	875000	SH	SOLE
POPULAR INC	COM	733174106	2041	175000	SH	SOLE
POTASH CORP SASK INC	COM	73755L107	171517	1103833	SH	SOLE
PRECISION DRILLING TR	TR UNIT	740215108	1138	48895	SH	SOLE
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	COM	742718109	816	11695	SH	DEFINED 1
PROVIDENT ENERGY TR	TR UNIT	74386K104	2247	210956	SH	SOLE
QLOGIC CORP	COM	747277101	1535	100000	SH	SOLE
QUALITY SYS INC	COM	747582104	2987	100000	SH	SOLE
RESEARCH IN MOTION LTD	COM	760975102	83150	739053	SH	SOLE
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B	775109200	32098	892454	SH	SOLE
ROYAL BK CDA MONTREAL QUE	COM	780087102	2689314	57572370	SH	SOLE
SAP AKTIENGESSELLSCHAFT	SPONSORED ADR	803054204	1239	25000	SH	SOLE
SCHERING PLOUGH CORP	COM	806605101	768	53325	SH	SOLE
SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC	CL B CONV	82028K200	42541	2325448	SH	SOLE
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	COM	824348106	10208	200000	SH	SOLE
SIERRA WIRELESS INC	COM	826516106	480	30000	SH	SOLE
SILICON IMAGE INC	COM	82705T102	501	100000	SH	SOLE
SILVER WHEATON CORP	COM	828336107	4135	266294	SH	SOLE
SMTC CORP	COM NEW	832682207	858	469082	SH	SOLE
SOURCE INTERLINK COS INC	COM NEW	836151209	114	60035	SH	SOLE
SOUTHERN COPPER CORP	COM	84265V105	745	7176	SH	DEFINED 1
SOUTHWEST GAS CORP	COM	844895102	3523	126000	SH	SOLE
SUN LIFE FINL INC	COM	866796105	925073	19787237	SH	SOLE
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	COM	867229106	214982	2224622	SH	SOLE
SUNOCO INC	COM	86764P109	7871	150000	SH	SOLE
TALISMAN ENERGY INC	COM	87425E103	415229	23406555	SH	SOLE
TATA MTRS LTD	SPONSORED ADR	876568502	3038	194500	SH	SOLE
TECK COMINCO LTD	CL B	878742204	591530	14426570	SH	SOLE
TELUS CORP	NON-VTG SHS	87971M202	219886	5218890	SH	SOLE
THOMSON CORP	COM	884903105	273067	8120048	SH	SOLE
TIM HORTONS INC	COM	88706M103	9900	290775	SH	SOLE
TONGJITANG CHINESE MED CO	SPON ADR	89025E103	1110	135000	SH	SOLE
TORONTO DOMINION BK ONT	COM NEW	891160509	1984613	32280235	SH	SOLE
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	184094	5919599	SH	SOLE
TRANSALTA CORP	COM	89346D107	54435	1750000	SH	SOLE 1
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	26007	675000	SH	SOLE 1
TRANSCANADA CORP	COM	89353D107	791715	20577450	SH	SOLE
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COM	913017109	839	12240	SH	DEFINED 1
VALERO ENERGY CORP NEW	COM	91913Y100	4911	100000	SH	SOLE
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	COM	92343V104	426	11745	SH	DEFINED 1
WACHOVIA CORP NEW	COM	929903102	12758	472500	SH	SOLE
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	637	12145	SH	DEFINED 1
WAL MART STORES INC	COM	931142103	10536	200000	SH	SOLE
WEIGHT WATCHERS INTL INC NEW	COM	948626106	905	19534	SH	DEFINED 1

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WHOLE FOODS MKT INC	COM	966837106	1649	50000	SH	SOLE
YAMANA GOLD INC	COM	98462Y100	15497	1056319	SH	SOLE
ZALE CORP NEW	COM	988858106	1976	100000	SH	SOLE