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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
January 19, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47  
DATED: January 12, 2005  
(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
File No. 333-109793

\$10,668,950,162  
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$9,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 2/1/2005 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 2/1/2007 CUSIP#: 073928J53  
Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On -----	Redemption Price(s) -----	Optional Repayment Date(s) -----	Optional Repayment Price(s) -----
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
[ ] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate  
[ ] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): \*  
[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly  
[ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*  
[x] LIBOR Telerate  
[ ] Prime Rate  
[ ] CMT Rate  
Initial Interest Rate: TBD Interest Payment Period: Monthly  
Index Maturity: One Month  
Spread (plus or minus): +0.02%

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\* On the 1st of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 1st of each month, including the maturity date.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.