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March 08, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: March 3, 2005+

File No. 333-121744

March 4, 2005++

(To Prospectus dated February 2, 2005,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated February 2, 2005)

\$12,410,781,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$325,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 3/8/2005 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 3/8/2007 CUSIP#: 073928K69

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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

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): Daily

Treasury Rate

Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s): \*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.64%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): +0.14%

+ \$300,000,000 was traded on March 3, 2005.

++ \$25,000,000 was traded on March 4, 2005.

\* On the 8th of each June, September, December and March, including the maturity date.

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