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Form 424B3

March 08, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8

DATED: March 3, 2005+

March 4, 2005++

Rule 424(b)(3)

File No. 333-121744

(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[x] Book Entry Notes [x]

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

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

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s)

N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Optional Repayment Repayment Repayment Repayment Price(s) Date(s) Price(s) Price(s) 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

[] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

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.
- \star 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.