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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
 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 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): *
 LIBOR Telerate
 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.