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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
January 16, 2004

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: January 13, 2004

File No. 333-109793

(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

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

Principal Amount: \$500,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 1/16/2004 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 1/17/2006 CUSIP#: 073928D34  
Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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: Quarterly

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.18% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

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\* Commencing April 17, 2004 and on the 17th of each July, October, January and April thereafter prior to Maturity.

\*\* Commencing April 17, 2004 and on the 17th of each July, October, January and April thereafter, including the maturity date.

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