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February 22, 2005

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. ${\tt IncomeNotes\,(SM)}$ With Maturities of Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-121744 Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) Pricing Supplement No. 3

(To Prospectus dated February 2, 2005,

and Prospectus Supplement dated February 2, 2005)

Trade Date: February 22, 2005 Issue Date: February 25, 2005

The date of this Pricing Supplement is February 22, 2005

Fixed Rate Notes

CUSIP# Interest Rate Date Public Commissions Reallowance

07387EHA8 5.375% 2/15/2030 100.00% 2.50% 0.350%

Subject to Redemption

First Interest Payment Date	First Interest Payment Amount	Survivor's Option	Yes/No	Date and Terms of Redemption	Ag Pr A
8/15/2005	\$25.38	Yes	Yes	Commencing on 2/15/2010 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice.	\$1

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