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Form 424B3

December 12, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 15

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: December 6, 2005

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: \$25,000,000      Floating Rate Notes       Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 12/12/2005      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 12/12/2007      CUSIP#: 073928M75  
Option to Extend Maturity:      No   
                                                 Yes       Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On | Redemption Price(s) | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----<br>N/A  | -----<br>N/A        | -----<br>N/A               | -----<br>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): \*\*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate  
 CMT Rate  
Initial Interest Rate: 4.48%      Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three months

Spread (plus or minus): +0.00%

\* Commencing March 12, 2006 and on the 12th of each March, June, September,

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and December thereafter prior to Maturity.

\*\* Commencing March 12, 2006 and on the 12th of each March, June, September, and December thereafter, up to and including the maturity date.

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