

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form FWP
August 11, 2006

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*Relating to
Prospectus Supplement dated August 10, 2006
to Prospectus dated February 2, 2005
Registration No. 333-121744*

**Floating Rate Global Notes
Due August 15, 2011**

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| Issuer: | The Bear Stearns Companies Inc. |
| Trade Date: | August 10 , 2006 |
| Settlement Date: | August 17, 2006 |
| Ratings: | A1 / A / A+ |
| Principal Amount: | \$500,000,000 |
| Coupon: | 3-month LIBOR plus 0.21% |
| Type of Security: | Floating Rate Global Notes |
| Maturity: | August 15, 2011 |
| Public Offering Price: | 100.000% |
| Gross Fees: | 0.30% |
| All-in Price: | 99.70% |
| Net Proceeds: | \$498,500,000 |
| Interest Payment Period: | Quarterly |
| Interest Payment Dates: | Quarterly on February 15th, May 15th, August 15th and November 15th |
| Interest Reset Dates: | Quarterly on February 15, May 15th, August 15 and November 15th |
| Initial Interest Reset Date: | November 15, 2006 |
| Interest Determination Dates: | Two London business days prior to each Interest Reset Date. |
| Interest Rate: | The interest rate will be reset quarterly based on the three-month LIBOR which appears on Telerate page 3750. |

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| Initial Interest Rate: | Initial Coupon to be determined two London business days prior to the Settlement Date. |
| Day Count: | Actual/360 |
| Specified Currency: | U.S. Dollars |
| Denominations: | \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof |
| CUSIP: | 073902MM7 |
| ISIN: | US073902MM71 |
| Lead Manager: | Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. Bear, Stearns International Limited |
| Senior Co-Managers: | BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc. Bank of America Securities LLC Citigroup Global Markets Inc. |
| Junior Co-Managers: | HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. Mellon Financial Services LLC Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC Wells Fargo Securities, LLC |

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