

BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B8  
December 15, 2006

<b>Title of Each Class of Securities Offered</b>	<b>Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee(1)</b>
Medium-Term Notes, Series B	\$750,000,000	\$80,250

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Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The filing fee of \$80,250 is being paid in connection with the registration of these Medium-Term Notes, Series B.

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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8

DATED: November 28, 2006

(To Prospectus dated August 16, 2006,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated August 16, 2006)

Rule 424(b)(8)  
File No. 333-136666

**THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.**  
**Medium-Term Notes, Series B**

Principal Amount: \$750,000,000    Floating Rate Notes     Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 12/4/2006    Fixed Rate Notes     Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 12/4/2008    CUSIP#: 073928S61

Option to Extend Maturity:    No      
Yes   

Final Maturity Date:

<u>Redeemable On</u>	<u>Redemption Price(s)</u>	<u>Optional Repayment Date(s)</u>	<u>Optional Repayment Price(s)</u>
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:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Effective Rate
- Federal Funds Open Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Interest Reset Period: On the same business day as each Interest Reset Date

Interest Payment Date(s): \*

Initial Interest Rate: 5.38%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.13%

\* Commencing March 4, 2007 and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of each June, September, December and March 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.

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