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Form 424B3
January 19, 2005

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47
DATED: January 12, 2005
(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,
and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

Rule 424(b)(3)
File No. 333-109793

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

Principal Amount: \$9,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 2/1/2005 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 2/1/2007 CUSIP#: 073928J53
Option to Extend Maturity: No
Yes Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On | Redemption Price(s) | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ----- 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: 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: Monthly
[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **
[x] LIBOR Telerate
[] Prime Rate
[] CMT Rate
Initial Interest Rate: TBD Interest Payment Period: Monthly
Index Maturity: One Month
Spread (plus or minus): +0.02%

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* On the 1st of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 1st of each month, including the maturity date.

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