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## BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 22

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March 09, 2006

DATED: March 6, 2006 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: \$290,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] Original Issue Date: 03/09/2006 Fixed Rate Notes [\_] Certificated Notes [\_] Maturity Date: 03/09/2009 CUSIP#: 073928N90 Option to Extend Maturity: No [x] Yes [\_] Final Maturity Date: \_\_\_ Optional Optional Repayment Repayment Date(s) Price(s) Optional Optional Redemption Price(s) Redeemable On -----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 [x] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily [\_] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily [\_] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \* [\_] LIBOR Telerate [\_] Prime Rate [\_] CMT Rate Initial Interest Rate: 4.50% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly Index Maturity: N/A Spread (plus or minus): +0.21%

\* Commencing June 9, 2006 and on the 9th of each September, December, March and

June thereafter, up to and including the maturity date.

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