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 April 25, 2005

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
 IncomeNotes (SM)
 With Maturities of Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-121744
 Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b) (3)
 Pricing Supplement No. 12
 (To Prospectus dated February 2, 2005,
 and Prospectus Supplement dated February 2, 2005)
 Trade Date: April 25, 2005
 Issue Date: April 28, 2005
 The date of this Pricing Supplement is April 25, 2005

| CUSIP# | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Price to Public | Discounts & Commissions | Reallowance |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 07387EHM2 | 5.470% | 4/15/2030 | 100.00% | 2.50% | 0.350% |

Subject to Redemption

| First Interest Payment Date | First Interest Payment Amount | Survivor's Option | Yes/No | Date and Terms of Redemption | Ag Pr A |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|---------|
| 10/15/2005 | \$25.37 | Yes | Yes | Commencing on 4/15/2010 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until Maturity, the Notes may be called in whole at par at the option of the Company on ten calendar days notice. | \$1 |

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