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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*

**Fixed Rate 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:        | \$750,000,000  |
| Coupon:                  | 5.50%  |
| Type of Security:        | Fixed Rate Note  |
| Maturity:                | August 15, 2011  |
| Public Offering Price:   | 99.609%  |
| Gross Fees:              | 0.350%   |
| All-in Price:            | 99.259%  |
| Net Proceeds:            | \$744,442,500  |
| Interest Payment Period: | Semi-Annually  |
| Interest Payment Dates:  | Semi-Annually on each February 15th and August 15th, commencing on February 15, 2007 |
| Day Count:               | 30/360   |
| Specified Currency:      | U.S. Dollars   |
| Denominations:           | \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof                          |
| CUSIP:                   | 073902ML9  |
| ISIN:                    | US073902ML98   |



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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 Markets LLC  
Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC  
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

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