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October 28, 2004

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 37

Rule 424(b) (3)

DATED: October 13, 2004

File No. 333-109793

(To Prospectus dated November 17, 2003,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated November 17, 2003)

\$10,668,950,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$118,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 10/28/2004 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 10/28/2014 CUSIP#: 073928H22

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:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: 7.00%
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: 0.72%
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): **
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	
Initial Interest Rate: 2.83938%	Interest Payment Period: Quarterly
Index Maturity: Three Months	

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Spread (plus or minus): +0.72%

\* On the 28th of each January, April, July and October prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 28th of each January, April, July and October, including the maturity date.

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