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January 22, 2004

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 9

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: January 16, 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: \$60,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 1/22/2004 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 1/23/2006 CUSIP#: 073928D42

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): Daily

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.18% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.18%

* Commencing April 23, 2004 and on the 23rd of each July, October, January and

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April thereafter, including the maturity date.

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