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The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

\$529,297,000

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes (Registered Service Mark)

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public(1) | Purchasing Agent's Discount(1) | Proceeds Before Expenses(1) |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0640P1CU5 | \$4,096,000 | 100% | 2.00% | 98.00% |
| Interest Interest Rate Per Payment Annum Frequency | | Mati | | vivor's tion |

5.25% Semiannual 05/15/2020 YES

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of May and November of each year

commencing 11/15/2005.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 05/15/2008 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

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| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public(1) | Purchas Agent Discoun | 's | Proceeds Before Expenses(1) |
| 0640P1CV3 | \$3,462,000 | 100% | 2.5 | 0% | 97.50% |
| Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency | Matu | ted rity te | Surviv | |
| 5.35% | Semiannua: | L 05/15 | /2030 | YES | |

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

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Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of May and November of each year

commencing 11/15/2005.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 05/15/2010 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

One Wall Street

New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 05/20/2005
Issue Date: 05/25/2005

Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only

Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 161

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities - Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount "CoreNotes(Registered Service Mark)" is a registered service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent Acting as Principal
